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Spc. Yavel Pereira, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, checks fluid levels on his Humvee on Friday. Vehicle operators have done frequent and regular maintenance on the vehicles in the weeks leading up to the unit's convoy from Baghdad to Kuwait as they head to their home stations in Germany.

## Tune 'em up, roll 'em out

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for long convoy from  
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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

### World

**Cologne nail bombing:** German authorities said Friday they have arrested a suspect in a nail bombing last month in a Cologne street that injured 22 people.

The suspect, a 23-year-old German who once lived in Cologne, was arrested in western Germany following a tip from a member of the public, said Rainer Wolf, a spokesman for city prosecutors.

Police have said the bomb — a gas canister filled with gunpowder and nails — was likely in a backpack strapped to a bicycle left in front of the two buildings in a Turkish immigrant neighborhood.

**Olympics terrorism fears:** A top Greek security official said in a television interview Friday that he has no reason to believe that the upcoming Olympic games will be the target of a terrorist attack.

Greek Public Order Minister Giorgos Voulgarakis told ZDF television no intelligence points to an attack on the Aug. 13-29 games.

He noted that Greece will have some 70,000 people ensuring the safety of the games.

### War on terrorism

**Citizens detainees' appeals:** Prisoners at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, who are challenging their detention must do so in Washington D.C., a federal appeals court has ruled.

The San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia was the appropriate venue for the 594 detainees given that they are overseas and are suing the federal government.

**U.S. bombing of Canadians:** A U.S. fighter pilot who was fired for mistakenly bombing Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan plans to file a lawsuit against the Air Force over the public release of documents in the case, his lawyer said Thursday.

Maj. Harry Schmidt, 38, will also appeal the ruling that said the pilot "acted shamefully" when he released a 500-pound bomb on an April 2002 mission, leaving four Canadians dead and eight wounded, lawyer Charles W. Gittins said. Schmidt was repatriated and fined nearly \$5,700.

### Business

**Settlement over cigarettes:** The maker of Marlboro cigarettes agreed Friday to pay \$1.25 billion to help the European Union combat smuggling and counterfeiting — and to end years of legal wrangling over a black market that both sides say costs them hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

The goal is to wipe out illegal sales of black market cigarettes, which is sometimes genuine but these days usually counterfeit.

### States

**Firefighters memorial:** The committee in charge of planning the memorial to commemorate the six Worcester, Mass., firefighters who died in an empty warehouse fire in December 1999 will announce the five finalists for the design on Monday.

Some of the 160 entries on display Thursday at Worcester Polytechnic Institute were described by visitors as overwhelming and awe-inspiring.

Some of the ideas for the seven-acre site



**Serial killer:** French police walk outside a former home of confessed serial killer Michel Fourniret on Tuesday in Clairefontaine, south of Paris. Fourniret, 62 and jailed in Belgium since June 2003, confessed last week to have murdered nine people and buried several of the bodies. On Saturday, he led police to two bodies in France. The Belgian government ordered extra investigators onto the case. Austria, Denmark and the Netherlands asked for help Friday in determining if he was responsible for unsolved disappearances of young girls.

include lights shining into the night sky; oversized lifelike sculptures; a meditative walking path; a bridge spanning a pond; a fountain representing a firefighter's hose and water; and an obelisk.

**Bogus college degrees:** Eleven Georgia educators who were found to hold bogus advanced degrees may no longer work in state public schools after officials voted to revoke their teaching certificates.

The state Professional Standards Commission in Atlanta voted 11-1 to revoke the teachers' licenses Thursday, deciding that they were guilty of numerous ethics violations.

Commission members said the teachers knowingly accepted pay raises after obtaining fake masters and doctorate degrees from Saint Regis University, a Libertarian-based institution believed to grant degrees for little or no course work.

**Gay partnerships:** When the South Orange, N.J., clerk's office opens at 12:01 a.m. Saturday to register couples under the state's new domestic partner law, Marty Finkle and Mike Plake plan to be first in line.

The law, signed by Gov. James E. McGreevey in January, allows gay partners to make medical decisions for each other and file joint state tax returns.

It does not, however, legalize gay marriage and offers far fewer rights than those given to heterosexual married couples.

**WTC memorial:** Development officials said they would spend up to \$3.5 million to ensure that "Tribute in Light," the twin beams of light memorializing the World Trade Center, can be seen on the anniversary of Sept. 11 for the next five years.

The board of the Lower Manhattan Development Corp., in New York, voted Thursday to authorize the money to help the Municipal Art Society, the group which produces the display, to buy and maintain the 88 special searchlights needed to create the two beams.

**Church bombing:** A former Ku Klux Klansman who claims he is being held as a political prisoner in a church bombing that killed four black girls is suffering from diabetes and has lost weight, but prison officials Thursday denied his allegations of mistreatment.

Convicted in 2002 of bombing Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in 1963, 74-year-old Bobby Frank Cherry has been treated for the disease by a doctor at Holman Prison, said Department of Corrections spokesman Brian Corbett, who described Cherry as being ambulatory.

"I saw him in June and he was walking fine," Corbett said.

**Drunken airline pilots:** Two fired America West pilots were charged in a federal indictment released Thursday with being drunk in the cockpit as they pulled away from a gate at Miami International Airport two years ago.

They entered innocent pleas in a subsequent court hearing.

Pilot Thomas Cloyd and co-pilot Christopher Hughes, who are appealing similar state charges, were charged in federal court with being under the influence of alcohol while operating an airliner.

The pilots, free on \$100,000 bail, were at the controls when their Airbus carrying 124 passengers left the gate for a flight to Phoenix in July 2002.

**Nevada nuclear waste site:** A federal appeals court in Washington on Friday rejected Nevada's arguments against a building a nuclear waste site in the state, but ordered the government to develop a plan to protect the public against radiation releases beyond the proposed 10,000 years.

The three-judge panel dismissed claims by Nevada that the Bush administration's plan to build the Yucca Mountain waste site was unconstitutional and said that actions by the Energy Department and President Bush leading up to approval of the waste site were not subject to review by the court.

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### Correction

In a story in the July 9 editions about troop number increases in Afghanistan, a division was incorrectly identified. The next Operation Enduring Freedom rollout will include the 173rd Airborne Division from Vincenza, Italy.

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# Senate panel says CIA analyses flawed

BY KATHERINE PFLEGER  
SHRADER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The key U.S. assertions leading to the 2003 invasion of Iraq — that Saddam Hussein had chemical and biological weapons and was working to make nuclear weapons — were wrong and based on false or overstated CIA analyses, a scathing Senate Intelligence Committee report released Friday asserts.

Intelligence analysts fell victim to "group think" assumptions that Iraq had weapons that it did not, concludes a bipartisan report. Many factors contributing to those failures are ongoing problems within the U.S. intelligence community which cannot be fixed with more money alone, it says.

The report did not address a key allegation by Democrats: That President Bush and other officials further twisted the evidence to back their calls for war against Iraq.

The committee's top Democrat, Sen. Jay Rockefeller, said he was disappointed the panel did not look into what he called "exagger-

## Ridge defends Bush for not raising terror alert level

WASHINGTON — Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said Friday he saw no contradiction in the government's renewed public warning of likely terrorist attack and its unwillingness to raise the official terror alert level.

The country remains on "yellow," the mid-level stage of the five-step terror alert program administered by Ridge's department, set up after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington.

Appearing Friday on morning network news shows, Ridge denied that the Bush administration was talking publicly of a threat — without increasing the official alert status — to insulate itself from criticism in the event an attack happens.

"I would say to those who would criticize this kind of public statement that if you ask the homeland security officials at the state and local level, they get it. They understand," he said on CBS's "The Early Show."

ated" claims of the Iraqi threat by top administration officials.

In Britain, an inquiry into the quality of British intelligence on Iraq weapons will publish its report on July 14. The inquiry, headed by Lord Butler, a retired civil service chief, aims to establish why there is such a glaring gap be-

He went on the interview shows a day after holding a news conference to announce that a steady stream of intelligence, including nuggets from militant-linked Web sites, indicates the terrorist network al-Qaida wants to disrupt the upcoming U.S. elections.

Ridge said that in addition to elaborate security plans for the political conventions this summer in Boston and New York, officials are weighing how to protect polling places come November.

Asked Tuesday to say what was substantively new in the administration's latest public statements, Ridge said the administration based its decision to bolster security on credible reports about al-Qaida's plans, coupled with the pre-election terror attack in Spain earlier this year and recent arrests in England, Jordan and Italy.

— The Associated Press

tween "intelligence gathered, evaluated and used by the government" and the lack of evidence on the ground in Iraq.

Bush called the Senate document a "useful report" about where the intelligence community "went short."

"We need to know. I want to

know. I want to know how to make the agencies better," he said at a political stop Friday in Knoxville, Pa.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said it showed that some of the material Secretary of State Colin Powell used to try to persuade the United Na-

tions to support war with Iraq was flawed.

Rockefeller said: "Tragically, the intelligence failures set forth in this report will affect our national security for generations to come. Our credibility is diminished. Our standing in the world has never been lower. We have fostered a deep hatred of Americans in the Muslim world, and that will grow. As a direct consequence, our nation is more vulnerable today than ever before."

The report repeatedly blasts departing CIA Director George Tenet, accusing him of skewing advice to top policy-makers with the CIA's view and elbowing out dissenting views from other intelligence agencies overseen by the State or Defense departments.

It faults Tenet for not personally reviewing Bush's 2003 State of the Union address, which contained since-discredited references to Iraq's attempts to purchase uranium in Africa. Tenet has resigned and leaves office Sunday.

Bush has said he hasn't decided whether to nominate Tenet's successor before the November election. Poised to take over next week as acting director is Tenet's his deputy, John McLaughlin.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Thursday, 868 U.S. servicemen have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 645 died as a result of hostile action and 223 died of nonhostile causes.

The British military has reported 59 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria and Poland, six each; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 730 U.S. servicemen have died — 536 as a result of hostile action and 194 of non-hostile causes.

The latest deaths reported by military:

■ Five U.S. soldiers were Thursday killed in Samarra, Iraq, by a car bomb and mortar attack against military headquarters.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Army Sgt. Michael C. Barkley, 22, Canal Fulton, Ohio; died Wednesday in Ramadi, Iraq, from a vehicle accident; assigned to the Army National Guard's 1484th Transportation Company; Akron, Ohio.

■ Marine Capt. Jeffrey D. Lawrence, 22, Tucson, Ariz.; killed Wednesday in the Anbar province; assigned to 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force; Camp Lejeune, N.C.



Wives of kidnapped Bulgarian drivers Lyudmila Aleksova, left, and Heli Kepova wait for news about their husbands in the Foreign Ministry in Sofia, Bulgaria on Friday. Two Bulgarians, Iyavlo Kepov and Georgi Lazov were kidnapped in Iraq as they were en route to Mosul.



Arsenia, left, wife of Filipino hostage Angelo dela Cruz, speaks to Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo at the Malacanang palace in Manila on Friday. Philippine Vice President Noli de Castro vowed that the country will not be "blackmailed" by terrorists, as the family of a Filipino hostage begged the government to comply with rebel demands.

## Bulgaria, Philippines won't heed militants' demands

BY RAVI NESSMAN  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Bulgaria and the Philippines stood fast Friday in the face of Islamic insurgents' threats to kill their citizens taken hostage in Iraq, refusing demands to pull out troops or to pressure the United States to release Iraqi detainees.

As the two governments struggled with the hostage crisis, Iraqi clerics rallied against new emergency laws the government introduced this week to battle the insurgents, calling them undemocratic.

The Filipino hostage, Angelo dela Cruz, 46, and the two Bulgarians, identified as Iyavlo Kepov and Georgi Lazov, were working as truck drivers here when they were captured in two separate incidents.

A group identifying itself as the Iraqi Islamic Army-Khaleb bin al-Waleed Corps threatened to kill dela Cruz within three days in its

video Wednesday if the Philippines did not pull its 51 troops out of Iraq. The deadline expires the weekend.

Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad group — which already has claimed responsibility for two grisly beheadings — threatened to kill the Bulgarians in a video aired Friday morning if the United States did not release all Iraqi detainees in 24 hours.

Philippines Vice President Noli de Castro said the government "will not be cowed and be blackmailed by acts of terrorism."

But Dela Cruz's family appealed to Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to meet the kidnappers' demands.

"Help us," dela Cruz's 24-year-old son, Julius, tearfully begged her on Philippine radio. "Please pull out. We want to see him alive."

The family later met with the president. According to Labor Secretary Patricia Santo Tomas, dela Cruz's wife, Arsenia, hugged Arroyo and cried on her shoulder.

Bulgarian Foreign Minister Solomon Pasi also sounded a defiant note, saying "Bulgaria's foreign policy is clear and predictable and there is no way to change it because of one or another group."

He said, Bulgaria "will do everything possible to defend its nationals," but did not elaborate.

The U.S. Embassy in Sofia called for the immediate release of the captives: "We deplore the unjustifiable and violent threats against them," it said in a statement. "We are in close contact with the government of Bulgaria, and we will assist them in every way possible."

The Bulgarian Foreign Ministry, which first identified Kepov and Lazov, said the truckers were kidnapped as they headed to the northern city of Mosul, coming from Bulgaria via Turkey and Syria.

Their schedule put them in Mosul on June 29, the last day either man contacted their families back home.

# Missing Marine arrives safely at Ramstein

BY PANOS KAKAVIATOS

The Associated Press

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — A U.S. Marine who vanished in a reported kidnapping in Iraq and resurfaced in Beirut more than two weeks later arrived at a U.S. Air Force Base in Germany on Friday, a base spokesman said.

Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun arrived aboard a C-17 transport jet at about 7:35 p.m. and was immediately whisked away in a green ambulance to nearby Landstuhl Regional Medical Center where waiting reporters were brought to the runway, said Air Force Master Sgt. Jon Hanson.

He was expected to stay three to four days at the U.S. military hospital, undergoing debriefing and evaluation before returning to the United States, hospital spokeswoman Marie Shaw said.

"His health and mental state are the primary concern," said Maj. Tim Keefe, a spokesman for the Marine Corps in Germany. "As well, he needs to be debriefed by specialists."

Hassoun, who went missing in Iraq on June 20 and turned up at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut on Thursday, embraced some people and shook hands with others before boarding the aircraft in Beirut.

## Cpl. Hassoun turned up at U.S. Embassy in Lebanon

His mother, Halimeh, and wife, Rana, were at the airport to see him off, Hassoun's brother, Sami, said.

The circumstances of Hassoun's return to Lebanon from Iraq and how he ended up at the embassy remain unclear. The 24-year-old Lebanese-born Muslim "came voluntarily and remained at the embassy while embassy and Department of Defense officials worked out the arrangements for his departure," an embassy statement said Friday.

The embassy thanked the Lebanese government for its "support and cooperation in facilitating his departure."

When Hassoun vanished, the Marines initially said he was on "unauthorized leave" but changed his status to "captured" after a videotape of him blindfolded surfaced a week later. On Friday, the Pentagon said his official status had changed from "captured" to "returned to military control."

Hassoun disappeared June 20 from his base near the restive Iraqi city of Fallujah. On Thursday, he arranged for American officials to pick him up in Beirut and take him to the U.S. Embassy

there, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

Sami Hassoun said his family met the Marine at the U.S. Embassy late Thursday.

"He appeared a bit uneasy and missed his family but was relieved to see us," he said.

Hassoun's other brother, Mohamed, said Thursday at his house in West Jordan, Utah, that he had spoken briefly with him by phone but couldn't offer details about his disappearance.

"He sounded OK. I was told that he has lost some weight, but he is well," he said.

Also Thursday, a gunfire broke out between members of Hassoun's clan in his home city of Tripoli and business rivals who called them American collaborators when Hassoun joined the Marines. Two people were killed.

Mohammed Hassoun, the man accused of killing the two men, surrendered to police late Thursday and was being questioned, security officials said.

Confusion has surrounded Hassoun's fate since the videotape broadcast on Arab television June 27 that showed him blindfolded with a sword raised over his head.

His capture was claimed by a

group calling itself "Islamic Response," and came during the tense days before the U.S. transfer of sovereignty to an interim Iraqi government June 28, a period of increased abductions and killings of foreigners and attacks on U.S. forces.

A statement on an Islamic militant Web site Saturday claimed Hassoun had been beheaded, following similar slayings of an American businessman and a South Korean translator in Iraq and an American contractor in Saudi Arabia. The next day, a statement on another Islamic Web site denied he had been killed.

There also has been speculation he might have deserted his base for Lebanon when he was abducted. The Navy was investigating whether the entire kidnapping might have been a hoax.

"It would be fair to say they're not ruling that out," Marine spokesman Maj. Nat Fahy said.

"The circumstances regarding his whereabouts between June 19 and July 8 are under investigation by the Naval Criminal Investigation Service," a Defense Department statement said.

Sam F. Ghattas and Bassem Mroue contributed to this report.

## Missing Marine timeline

U.S. officials are investigating the circumstances around the disappearance of Marine Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun.

- June 20, 2004** Hassoun disappears; U.S. military subsequently lists him as on "unauthorized leave"
- June 27** Al-Jazeera airs tape of Hassoun blindfolded; "Islamic Response" claims responsibility; U.S. military subsequently lists him as "captured"
- July 3** A Muslim Web site claims Hassoun has been beheaded
- July 4** Another Web site declares he's not dead
- July 5** Iraqi militant group says it's holding Hassoun in a safe place
- July 6** Hassoun's family says they had word he'd been released
- July 7** Lebanese official says Hassoun was released after pledging not to return to the military
- July 8** Hassoun arrives alive at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon

AP

# 1st AD soldiers give vehicles a tune-up for convoy out of Iraq

BY RICK EMERT

Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD — For many 1st Armored Division soldiers, the journey home to Germany starts with a 400-mile convoy from Baghdad to Kuwait.

And as those troops start rolling out of the Iraqi capital this week, the last thing 1st AD leaders want is soldiers sitting in broken-down vehicles on the side of the road. To prevent that from happening, units are preparing vehicles and soldiers for the hazardous two-day convoys in which they will face heat, harsh terrain and, very likely, insurgent attacks.

Vehicle operations and unit mechanics have inspected each vehicle several times in the weeks leading up to the convoy, said Command Sgt. Maj. Russell Sadler, the top noncommissioned officer for the 4th Brigade Combat Team. Any problems must be fixed before the vehicle can take its place in the convoy line.

Once on the road, the convoy — typically about 40 vehicles — is self-sustaining, with enough mechanics, vehicle parts and ammunition to overcome any obstacles, Sadler said.

As the soldiers meticulously prepare

their vehicles for the trek, leaders are preparing the soldiers for anything from heat injuries to roadside attacks.

"The soldier has to be just as fit as the vehicle," Sadler said.

A convoy that left Thursday evening received indirect mortar and small-arm fire, Sadler said. The vehicles were instructed to return fire and push through without stopping.

"The enemy's [tactic] is to get you to stop, but the convoy will push right through," Sadler said. "The enemy evolves every day. They probably have cell phones or other means to let people further up know that a convoy is coming."

"We always have to adjust to the way the enemy attacks us," said Spc. Thomas Scruggs, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment. "And we do adjust."

There were no injuries and no major damage to the vehicles during the attack on Thursday, Sadler said.

Division leaders would not reveal the location of the attack, or the route itself, because it could endanger soldiers who will take the convoy route in the days to come.

The soldiers are taking the training, much of which comes in the form of brief-

ings from their leaders, very seriously. The training also includes putting soldiers in their vehicles and reacting to scenarios, such as being hit by mortar rounds.

"You have to take it seriously, really absorb it," said Spc. Joseph Wichowski, also from Headquarters and Headquarters Company. "We're finding out what kinds of things to expect on the road."

The training and maintenance means some extra work for the 1st AD soldiers, who are finally seeing their deployment come to an end after nearly 15 months.

"Getting through the convoy is the last big deal to get through," Wichowski said. "I'll be glad to get through this and get home to family."

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## Special delivery: Medical supplies



CHUCK JOSEPH/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Soldiers serving under the 1st Infantry Division's Task Force Dancer turned over 150 boxes of medical supplies, textbooks and journals to the Tikrit Hospital and Tikrit University Medical Center on Wednesday. The books had been collected by the University of Tennessee Medical School from medical students in the United States. Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment based in Schweinfurt, Germany, and the 415th Civil Affairs Battalion from Kalamazoo, Mich., helped hand out the books.

Spc. Yavel Pereira, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, checks fluid levels on his Humvee Friday in preparation for the unit's convoy from Baghdad to Kuwait as they head back to Germany.

RICK EMERT/Stars and Stripes



# 3rd, 42nd IDs to head # Iraq

## Pentagon confirms some details of OIF 3 rotation

BY LISA BURGESS  
AND STEVE LEWIS  
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The 3rd Infantry Division, based at Fort Stewart, Ga., and the 42nd Infantry Division of the New York National Guard will make up the bulk of the third major rotation of U.S. forces into Iraq, senior Pentagon leaders confirmed this week.

Air Force Lt. Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, the Joint Staff's director of operations, confirmed the two deployments, which have been widely forecast by military insiders.

Operation Iraqi Freedom 3 forces will be composed of 58 percent active troops and 42 percent reservists, Schwartz told lawmakers during a House Armed Services Committee hearing Wednesday on troop rotations.

That is the largest proportion of reservists yet tapped for Iraq: During the current OIF 2, there are 61 percent active troops to 39 percent reservists; during OIF 1 the mix was 75 percent active troops and 25 percent reservists, he said.

Many of OIF 3's reservists are with the 42nd ID, where about 3,000 soldiers have been activated and training at Fort Drum, N.Y., for the past three months.

The 42nd ID will take over for the 1st Infantry Division in north-central Iraq "in the December-to-February time frame," Schwartz said.

If their replacements begin arriving in December, that means some soldiers from 1st Infantry Division, based in Wiesbaden, Germany, could be home before their one-year rotation date, since the Big Red One began deploying to the Middle East in early February.

But there are no guarantees, said Capt. William Copporelli, a 1st ID spokesman.

"We're planning on 365 days [from their original deployment], or until the mission's done," Copporelli said in a telephone interview from Iraq. "There is no [redeployment] date that is set in stone."

Maj. Richard Goldenberg, a 42nd ID spokesman, said in a Friday telephone interview that the 42nd ID will command two 3rd ID brigade combat teams from Fort Stewart, Ga., as well as the 116th Cavalry Brigade, a National Guard unit from Boise, Idaho.

The other Germany-based Army unit now in Iraq, the 1st Armored Division, will be replaced by elements of Fort Drum's 10th Mountain Division, Schwartz said.

The 1st AD has been deployed for more than a year and is preparing to return to Germany from its latest position in south-central Iraq.

But the 1st AD won't be out of the fight: One of the division's two U.S.-based "round-out" brigades, the 3rd Brigade from Fort Riley, Kan., will be sent to the Baghdad area for OIF 3, Schwartz said.

The 3rd ID's soldiers, who will take over in and around Baghdad for the 1st Cavalry Division, are no strangers to that city: About 12,000 of the division's soldiers moved into Baghdad in early April 2002.

The division eventually ended up in Fallujah, where its tour was extended repeatedly; soldiers were sent home in late August 2003.

The 3rd ID's Division headquarters will command two brigades of the division, as well as the 256th Infantry Brigade of the Louisiana National Guard.

But the other two maneuver brigades of the 3rd ID will come under command of the 42nd ID, Schwartz said.

For the Marines, meanwhile, the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force will take over for the 1st MEF, which has three Marine regiments in Iraq, Schwartz said.

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THE CHARLOTTE, N.C., NEWS & OBSERVER/AP

**Todd Parrish — shown with his wife Colette Doyle, at their Cary, N.C., home last week — served four years of active duty and another four years in the Army Reserve, a commitment he believed expired Dec. 19. But the Army says Parrish, 30, never formally resigned his commission as a lieutenant, making him eligible for involuntary recall to duty. Parrish sued the Army in federal court Thursday.**

## Ex-Army reservist sues to avoid recall

BY TIM WHITMIRE  
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A former Army reservist who returned to civilian life in December — only to be recalled five months later — has filed a lawsuit to avoid duty in Iraq.

Todd Parrish, 30, served four years of active duty and another four years in the Army Reserve, a commitment he believed expired Dec. 19. The Army maintains he will be in a voluntary reserve status until he's 50.

The Army says Parrish never formally resigned his commission as a lieutenant, making him eligible for involuntary recall to duty.

He received a letter May 10 to report to duty at Fort Sill, Okla., and is due Aug. 10.

Parrish says he did not know he had to resign. Believing he was free, he married, bought a house and began preparing for a career as a civil engineer.

"It was a life-altering experience when I read the orders to report to active duty," Parrish said in a recent interview. "I felt like I was being drafted without a draft being instituted."

The complaint, filed in federal court in Raleigh on Thursday, contends Parrish was never informed in any enlistment contract or other document "of any

requirement or need to 'resign' his Army Reserve commission in order to terminate his status with the U.S. Army Reserves."

A call seeking comment from the Army was not immediately returned.

The Army has previously said while enlisted soldiers' service automatically ends after eight years, an officer is subject to recall indefinitely unless he resigns his commission.

Parrish's attorney, Mark Waple, said the papers his client signed in 1992, when he accepted an ROTC scholarship, made no mention of a resignation requirement.

"What is clear is, it's an eight-year service obligation," Waple said. "What is not clear is, what someone has to do to end this relationship."

Waple said when Parrish contacted the Human Resources Command about being recalled to duty, he was told "because he didn't resign his Reserve status, they put him in a voluntary reserve status until the year 2024."

The Defense Department has been taking numerous steps to keep enlistment up during the Iraq conflict, including issuing a stop-loss order that prevents soldiers from leaving the military when their obligations end and multiple deployments of National Guard and Reserve units.

## Baghdad FM dial has Berlin on the line

BY SARAH HADI-MABROUK  
The Associated Press

BERLIN — Equipped only with his cell phone, Daoud maneuvers his way through the stifling heat and traffic of Baghdad.

The Iraqi reporter is on a mission to drum up interviews to feed to colleagues in Berlin, who are scrambling to put together this Saturday's debut broadcast of their new Arabic-language radio station, Telephone FM.

The target audience: young, modern Iraqis much like themselves.

"It is the first radio show of its kind," says Hiba, 23, as she worked on the pilot broadcast in a cramped half-finished Berlin loft studio. Like the other three who form the nucleus of the new station, Hiba wanted neither her last name nor her photograph published, fearing for their safety once they return to Iraq.

Working in the media is very dangerous in Iraq at the moment," said Ahmed, a 30-year-old partial to heavy-metal T-shirts and combat pants. "Even though we are not focusing primarily on political topics, even the mere mention of comments could be held against us by someone."

The idea to create the station came to German communications professional Klaus Glenewinkel, 33, when he visited a friend in Iraq in May 2003 after President Bush declared an end to combat operations. Glenewinkel was surprised to find a hip-hop and heavy-metal scene in Baghdad.

"The new record stores, media projects, and internet cafes opening everywhere reminded me of Berlin after the fall of the Wall," he said. "I thought that it would be great to have a really cool, community-based radio station geared at young, politically emancipated Iraqis."

He found Hiba, Daoud, Nawar and Ahmed — who already was a host at local station Baghdad FM.

Glenewinkel wants to run the whole program in Baghdad, but rising violence prompted the team — with the exception of Daoud — to seek the safety of Berlin and use technology to overcome the distance.

Telephone FM will have to compete with around 30 other radio stations in Baghdad alone, but it has something special going for it, said co-creator Anja Wollenberg.

"There are no ulterior motives," Wollenberg said. "Most radio stations in Iraq are sponsored either by the coalition forces, political parties, or religious organizations. We are not interested in doing propaganda."

Daoud says his zigzagging through Baghdad has been exhausting, but the result makes it worth the effort.

"It is very thingy working this way," he said in a telephone interview. "But I believe this project will be a big success, and I am proud to be a part of it."

## Messages of Support

★ I would love to pass on a kind word to any one who could use it. I do not know anyone serving in the armed forces and I would love to pass on my thoughts and prayers. If you know of anyone who I can do this for please let me know. I have a son who would love to have a soldier to write to or even send a quick message of support to. Thank you. Robin. Las Vegas, Nevada

# Pentagon: Bush military records damaged

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Military payroll records that could have more fully documented President Bush's whereabouts during his service in the Texas Air National Guard in the Vietnam war era were inadvertently destroyed, according to the Pentagon.

In a letter responding to a freedom of information request by The Associated Press, the Defense Department said that microfilm containing the pertinent National Guard payroll records was damaged and could not be salvaged. The damaged material included payroll records for the first

quarter of 1969 and the third quarter of 1972.

"President Bush's payroll records for those two quarters were among the records destroyed," wrote C.Y. Talbott, of the Pentagon's Freedom of Information and Security Review section.

"Searches for back-up paper copies of the missing records were unsuccessful."

In February, the White House released some payroll and medical records from Bush's Vietnam-era service to counter Democrats' suggestions that he shirked his duty in the Texas Air National Guard. Bush was in the Texas Air National Guard

from 1968 to 1973, much of the time as a pilot, but never went to Vietnam or flew in combat.

Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, the Democratic presidential candidate, is a decorated Vietnam veteran, and some Democrats have questioned whether Bush showed up for temporary Guard duty in Alabama while working on a political campaign during a one-year period from May 1972 to May 1973.

Bush had asked to be able to transfer temporarily from the Texas Guard to an Alabama base during that time so he could work on the Senate campaign of a family friend. Reports differ on how long he was

actually in Alabama, but it's generally believed that he returned to his Texas unit after the November 1972 election. The White House says Bush went back to Alabama again after that.

The Pentagon letter was sent in response to an April lawsuit filed by the AP under the federal Freedom of Information Act. That law requires government agencies to make public information not specifically exempted from disclosure.

The letter dated in 1996 and 1997, the Pentagon "engaged with limited success in a project to salvage deteriorating microfilm." During the process, "the microfilm payroll records of numerous service members were damaged," the letter said.

## 'Faster than a normal patrol'

MPs at Vicenza more mobile on two wheels

BY KENT HARRIS

Stars and Stripes



Military police officers Nathan Brumley, left, and Cyril Illidge patrol Vicenza, Italy, where a parking crash and construction sometimes make the base a hard place to maneuver cars.

KENT HARRIS/Stars and Stripes

VICENZA, Italy — Cyril Illidge, an Army Reservist from New York, was obviously looking forward to his upcoming patrol Thursday afternoon.

Once a bike messenger in New York City, Illidge is spending a few weeks at Caserma Ederle as part of his reserve obligation. Thursday, that meant strapping on a helmet, adjusting the seat and climbing on one of the "turkey bikes" the 15th Military Police Company uses to help keep the peace on base.

"It feels good," Illidge said with wide smile. And he wasn't just talking about the bicycle seat. He also was referring to the uniform, a black-and-gold combination of short-sleeved shirts and shorts that has officers looking more like competitors in the Tour de France than standard military police officers in battle dress uniforms and black arm bands.

"I don't think anyone would be comfortable riding around a bicycle in 80-degree temperatures for eight hours in BDUs," Illidge says.

And if the uniforms make the officers stand out?

Well, that's part of the plan. The idea, according to Master Sergeant Hakama, is to be the sergeant for the 22nd Area Support Group's provost marshal's office — isn't to send bike patrols on undercover missions. In fact, the more visible the officers are, the better.

"We get a lot more attention from the kids than a normal patrol," says Spc. Nathan Brumley, Illidge's partner for the day. "We interact more with the community."

Putting military cops on bikes isn't a new idea. Some bases in Europe have had them for several years. Naval Air Station Sigonella in Sicily has one of the most active programs. At RAF Lakenheath in England, security police operate a fleet of 10 bicycles for much of the year. In Hanau, Germany, soldiers undergo several days of specialized training before getting on the bikes. Once they're certified,

there are military police officers on bikes somewhere in the community throughout the summer.

Not all the patrols feature police officers with uniforms as distinct as those in Vicenza, but all have two common elements: more interaction with the base community and quick access to places that cars can't go.

"They're a lot more approachable," says Staff Sgt. David Henson, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the program for the 414th Base Support Battalion's provost marshal's office in Hanau.

Brumley admits that he wouldn't stand a chance in a race with a car under most circumstances. But, thanks to traffic patterns, congestion and construction, cars can't travel all that quickly on Caserma Ederle or the nearby Villaggio housing community.

"We get from point A to point B faster than a normal patrol, Brumley says.

Hakama backs that up. He cites a case last summer when a few kids were hurt while playing around a construction site in Villaggio.

"My MPs were the first responders on the scene," he says. "They helped prevent something that could have been much worse."

Hakama says he decided to implement the bike patrol program at Vicenza last summer. The main focus is the housing area, where children are sometimes unsupervised. He said the pa-

trols have helped statistically cut down on vandalism and other incidents. Officers rotate between the vehicle patrols and bike patrols, and they're on the bikes only from April to September when the weather is generally cooperative.

"It's a change of pace for the MPs as well," Hakama said.

Combating crime is a part of the mission. But Hakama dismisses the idea that policemen on bicycles lose some of their intimidation factor.

"We don't cultivate that image here anyway," he says.

At other bases, programs vary in size and scope. Patrols aren't generally as practical in communities that are more spread out. At such bases, bikes often are used when the base hosts special events with large crowds in relatively small areas. At the recent Fourth of July fireworks celebration in Aviano, for instance, security force personnel were present on bikes.

Other bases surveyed say bike patrols save money — less wear on vehicles and less gasoline consumed. But Hakama said the savings at a base such as Vicenza would be minimal.

Illidge said he's seen another advantage: recruiting.

"It makes a lot of the kids want to become MPs," he says with a laugh.

"They see us and say, 'look, it's the MPs. Cool.'"

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## Pneumonia again hits troops in Middle East

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Cases of pneumonia continue to plague troops deployed to the Middle East, and the number of "severe" cases, in which troops are put on ventilators, mirrors the number of this same time last year when the disease baffled health officials.

Eight servicemen this year have contracted pneumonia and have shown a higher than usual number of a white blood cell type called eosinophils, one of the few facts that has linked the various cases, said Dr. (Col.) Bruno Petruccielli, director of the Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance Directorate at the Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

Of the eight, six had to be placed on ventilators, he said.

The body produced eosinophils to fight infection or when a person suffers from asthma, hay fever or other types of allergies.

Last year, between March and August, 19 servicemen contracted the illness and were treated in intensive care units and placed on ventilators. Of those 19, 10 showed a higher than usual number of eosinophils. Two of the pneumonia cases were fatal. This year, there have been no fatalities.

Pneumonia is an infection or inflammation of the lungs in which air sacs fill with liquid and prevents oxygen from reaching the body's blood supply.

What is different this year from last, is that doctors are treating pneumonia patients earlier with steroids, which decreases the time they must spend in intensive care units and hospitals, said Petruccielli, whose specialty is preventive medicine.

While he can't make a medical connection between steroids being used earlier and the fact that there have been no fatalities, "indirectly, the earlier use of steroids shows that we're doing better stays and shorter hospital stays reduces the chance of complications from medical care."

In spite of aggressive medical efforts to keep troops from contracting the disease, Petruccielli said he's "not surprised at all" by the number of cases. "It's relatively few people when you think we have about 150,000 people there."

The Army, for example, sees about 400 to 500 cases of pneumonia worldwide each year. Between 1998 and 2002, 17 soldiers worldwide died of pneumonia or complications of pneumonia.

The number of cases in the theater seems to be more prevalent in the spring and summer months, however, the Army did log its first case this year in January after a four-month lull at the end of 2003.

"It looked like it mysteriously came to a halt," Petruccielli said.

The cases involving eosinophils baffles medical experts because there is no known cause, no known pre-existing condition that might make one person more susceptible than other, nor any guaranteed preventions, he said.

However, experts have noted that among the more severe cases, troops not only were smokers, but had started smoking once arriving in theater, which might have made their bodies slightly more susceptible to contracting the pneumonia, he said.

Respiratory problems are common among troops serving in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan, enhanced there because of dust, powder-fine dust and sandstorms in the region.

Army health officials have circulated a list of recommendations to help stave off contracting the illness:

- Stay hydrated
- Don't smoke, or at least smoke American cigarettes
- Wash hands frequently
- Use a cravat or dust mask to reduce dust inhalation
- Use wet mops when cleaning dust in living and work areas
- Seek medical care immediately for fever, chills and cough

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# Gmail scans content, privacy groups warn

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER

Stars and Stripes

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain — Google's free, big-storage e-mail service might be perfect for deployed GIs with large digital photos and video clips to share, but some privacy groups warn there is a catch.

The service, called Gmail, offers a hefty one gigabyte of storage, but it includes a program that scans the content of messages and sends users advertising based on words found in the e-mail.

Privacy groups have criticized the system for invading privacy and storing deleted e-mails on servers.

"I tend to see Gmail as a defective prod-

uct," said Chris Hoofnagle, associate director for the Washington, D.C.-based Electronic Privacy Information Center.

"Yeah, you give consent for the system to extract content. But that ability is such a base level. It's kind of like saying, 'I'm willing accept more kid droppings in my food for a discount.'"

Google defends its service, noting on its Web site the process is automated and "no humans read your e-mail to target the ads, and no e-mail content or other personally identifiable information is ever provided to advertisers."

While the service is unavailable to the public, Gmail's large storage capacity is more than what most other services offer.

As a goodwill gesture, a group of Internet users has banded together to provide deployed troops access to Gmail, which is still in the testing phase and available only by invitation.

While privacy advocates have criticized the service, Gmail is probably no greater threat to security than other free e-mail services such as Yahoo! or Microsoft's Hotmail, said Juliet Eiselestein, the information system security manager at Naval Station Rota in Spain.

Regardless of what free e-mail troops use, military personnel are taught to use common sense and practice good operational security.

"You have the same risk," Eiselestein said. "What's the difference with this one? ... You can store more information."

Marine Capt. Bruce Frame, a spokesman for the U.S. military's Central Command in Tampa, Fla., said there shouldn't be anything "sensitive" in a servicemember's e-mail anyway.

"So, regardless of whether you're sending an e-mail on a Hotmail account or sending an e-mail on a military [Department of Defense] account or if you're on a telephone that's a nonsecure telephone, there's a threat of somebody being able to possibly eavesdrop," he said, the information you're sending," Frame said.

In response to Google's e-mail service, Yahoo! and Hotmail have boosted the storage capacity for their systems.

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## Give me S-E-A-H-A-W-K-S



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Clockwise from top: Trina, a member of the Seattle Seahawks' Sea Gals cheerleading squad, warms up the 12 girls participating in the team's cheerleading clinic in Kitzingen, Germany. The Sea Gals will be giving clinics in Bamberg on Saturday, Schweinfurt on Monday and Spangdahlem on Tuesday. Svetlana Brocka, 7, has fun stretching during warm-ups at the youth cheerleading clinic. Meanwhile, Meagan Jones, 6, tries to keep her balance as Trina leads warm-ups.



## MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Philpott

### Lawmakers grill DOD on involuntary recall

The intensity of violence in Iraq, with insurgents attacking roads and bridges and interrupting supply lines, is behind the rare involuntary recall of more than 5,600 soldiers who had completed active-duty obligations, says Gen. Richard A. Cody, the Army's vice chief of staff.

Cody told the House Armed Services Committee that the recall alert Tuesday for 5,674 Individual Ready Reservists — former soldiers living as civilians and awaiting expiration of service obligations — resulted from "worst case" deployment plans after a rise in violence in Iraq.

Most of the IRR members to be recalled are combat support troops, including truck drivers, heavy construction equipment operators and engineers with skills to repair bombed roads and buildings. The Army is having trouble getting civilians to fill such assignments, Cody said.

Committee members, disturbed by the surprise IRR call-up, pressed Cody and David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, for an explanation on Wednesday.

IRR service, said Chu, "is part of the obligation that each entrant in the military assumes. The fact that it is rare that we call up the Individual Ready Reservist does not, of course, mean that it is inappropriate."

Recalling IRR members, said Chu, "allows us to fill holes in activated reserve or National Guard units. Some IRR members were activated for the 1990-91 Persian Gulf War, Chu said.

But Rep. Vic Snyder, D-Ark., said this involuntary recall has gotten the attention of the American people. "Why, Snyder asked, didn't the Army anticipate skill needed a year ago and tap active or drilling reserve personnel?

Cody blamed a surprising level

of violence in Iraq that forced changes in deployment requirements several times over the last year.

Force planners track troop rotations with designators such as OIF-1 for the first major rotation in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. OIF-2 is winding down, to be replaced by OIF-3 units starting this summer.

"We executed the worst-case plan for OIF-2, and we are executing what ended up being the worst-case plan, in terms of numbers of formations, for OIF-3," Cody said. "That put stress on the combat service support troops."

Although 5,674 IRR soldiers received alert notices, the Army likely will recall only 4,000. They will serve 18 to 24 months. Other skills involved are in logistics and vehicle mechanics. They also are cooks, carpenters, masonry specialists, petroleum supply specialists and cable system installers.

Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., committee chairman, said Iraq and Afghanistan have stressed U.S. ground forces enough to raise doubts about "elasticity," the ability to "recover sufficiently from one commitment before committing to another."

The committee divided bitterly, by party, over who to blame for the undersized force. Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., cited constrained defense budgets during the Clinton administration. He also suggested Democrats are behind false Internet rumors of a Bush plan to return to a military draft next year.

Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Calif., countered that U.S. forces are strained to the "breaking point" by Bush's decision to go to war in Iraq.

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# Oil filter analyzer keeps jets up

BY JASON CHUDY  
Stars and Stripes

Without airworthy jets, the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy is just 80,000 tons of floating steel. Kennedy's Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department recently started using a new \$87,000 oil filter debris analyzer that keeps one of its aircraft flying instead of being grounded for maintenance.

If the air wing flies missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on its current Middle East deployment, its four EA-6B Prowlers and their sophisticated electronics and anti-radar missiles might just be needed.

The onboard analyzer will cut about two weeks of downtime for every 25 to 50 hours the aircraft fly, said Petty Officer 2nd Class Kim Pillere of the IM-2 division oil lab.

The new machine cleans the filter from one of the

Prowler's two J-52 engines, removing and analyzing metal fragments to determine wear on engine parts, specifically one of its main bearings.

Until the fragments are analyzed, the aircraft is grounded, said IM-2 division officer Lt. Vincent Logan.

Before the new gear arrived on May 26, the ship had to send the filters to Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla. Now, the ship can complete the entire test in under an hour.

"The machine is working great," said Logan. "It's got a really short turnaround time."

This is only one of four analyzers in the Navy.

The others are aboard USS John C. Stennis; at Pensacola and at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash., which is home to the Navy's entire Prowler fleet.

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## EUCOM soldier dies

STUTTGART, Germany — Spc. Charron D. Hornaday, 32, with the U.S. European Command's plans and operations center, antiterrorism division, died from injuries caused by a traffic accident, a EUCOM news release said.

The accident occurred Thursday evening when the vehicle he was driving collided with another vehicle driven by a local national. Local authorities are investigating, the release said.

## Fatal 2-car crash

WIESBADEN ARMY AIRFIELD, Germany — A 3rd Corps Support Command soldier was pronounced dead at the Aschaffenburg Klinikum after a two-vehicle accident early Friday near Aschaffenburg.

Two other soldiers and two family members were injured in the accident, according to a 3rd COSCOM news release.

The deceased soldier's name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. The accident is under investigation, the release said.

## Commissary closure

WÜRZBURG, Germany — The commissary at Würzburg's Leighton Barracks will close from 5 p.m. Sunday to 10 a.m. Wednesday, according to a 417th Base Support Battalion news release.

During the closure, the Defense Commissary Agency intends to realign its merchandise on the store's shelves, the release said.

From staff reports

# Army striking up band members for war on terror

BY LISA BURGESS  
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Among the thousands of members of the Inactive Ready Reserves called up for duty last week by the Pentagon are 15 band members, including an electric bass player.

Pentagon officials have said that the IRR call-up is essential in order to prevent breaking up units in order to fill the rosters of under-strength Army Reserve and National Guard units that headed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

But when Rep. Vic Snyder, an Arkansas Democrat, ob-

tained a detailed list from the Army that showed the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of every one of the 5,674 IRR members recalled to service, he saw: two trumpeters, one trombonist, four clarinetists, three saxophone players, the bass player — and a euphonium player.

News that musicians are apparently essential to winning the war on terror struck a sour note with Snyder, who questioned the Army's number-two officer about the decision to tap the bandsmen during a Wednesday hearing of the House Armed Services Committee.

"Is there not a way to do without the euphonium player?" the former Marine asked Gen. Richard Cody, the Army's vice chief of staff.

"I assume you all have gone line-by-line on this [request]. ... Is there not a way that we can't let that kind of thing slide?"

The Army needs the IRR musicians because "our bands are being stressed quite a bit" because veterans of World War II "are passing away at pretty high rates," Cody said.

Veterans are owed military honors in memory of their service, and military band members play at the funerals, Cody said.

The explanation appeared satisfactory to Snyder, who did not ask further questions about the musicians.

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## IN THE WORLD

## World court: West Bank barrier is illegal

BY ARTHUR MAX  
The Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The International Court of Justice has found Israel's West Bank barrier illegal, and will demand the Jewish state dismantle the structure and compensate Palestinians for confiscated land, Israeli newspapers reported Friday.

At the outset of the lengthy decision, the court ruled it had jurisdiction, and dismissed requests by Israel and the United States to refrain from getting involved in what they called a political, rather than

legal, question.

Before reaching its final conclusions, the court dealt in passing with issues long in dispute. The decision, read by court president Shi Juyong of China, declared that Israeli settlements were built in Palestinian land "in breach of international law."

The court said the wall was routed in a way that would encompass 80 percent of the settlers, while cutting off more than 230,000 Palestinians from their surrounding areas.

Despite Israel's protests that the barrier was temporary and not designed as a political boundary, the court said it could

amount to "de facto annexation" by creating new facts on the ground.

It said the building of the barrier "severely impedes the exercise of the Palestinian people of its right to self-determination, and therefore is a breach of Israel's obligation to the respect of that right."

The 15-member court's advisory opinions are nonbinding, but bear moral and historic weight and could serve as the basis for later action by the U.N. General Assembly or Security Council.

Such a ruling by the court would not only to Israel — deepening Israelis' perception that the world does not appreciate the ter-

ror threat they face — but also to the United States and several European nations which had argued that the issue should not be before the court. The Palestinians would view it as important international support against a stronger rival.

The Tel Aviv newspaper Haaretz, quoting court documents it said it obtained, reported that by a 14-1 vote the judges found the barrier, along its planned route, "grave infringers" on the rights of Palestinians and cannot be justified by military needs or national security, and violates international law. The lone dissenter was U.S. judge Thomas Buergenthal.

## Bulls gore 4 in Spain, including Americans

The Associated Press

PAMPLONA, Spain — Bulls gored four runners and trampled several others Friday during the running of the bulls at this year's San Fermin festival. At least five other runners suffered lighter injuries.

All along the 900-yard route, which runs along narrow cobblestone streets from a corral to a bullring, runners in the popular festival were knocked off their feet, trampled or pushed against the thick wooden barricades lining the streets.

Four people, including two Americans, were admitted to hospitals after being gored. At least five others were treated for cuts and bruises, authorities said.

No one was seriously injured during the first two days of this year's festival honoring Pamplona's patron saint.

The bulls — one weighing 1,300 pounds — charged out of the corral faster Friday than on preceding days, several going off on their own rather than lumbering along as a pack.

John Doyle, 22, of Dunwoody, Georgia, was gored in the groin, Wilfredo Soler, a doctor at Virgen del Camino Hospital, said. He was undergoing tests and was expected to remain hospitalized for at least a day or two. Doyle, a student at Oxford University in Britain, was initially reported to be British.

Juan Vallbona Serra was struck by a bull, which then fell on him.

As the 23-year-old from Sabadell, Spain, struggled free, two other bulls hit him in the back and side, lifting him into the air.

His worst injury was a 6-inch gash in his right thigh, said Begona Lopez, a spokeswoman for Pamplona City Hall.

Also gored was a 22-year-old man from Louisiana in the United States. Soler, a doctor at Virgen



A runner is chased by a fighting bull during a San Fermin running of the bulls in Pamplona, Spain. Four runners were gored and several others struck by rushing bulls on the third day of the traditional San Fermin Festival, which dates back to the late 16th century.

del Camino Hospital, said the American was gored in the left knee and would be kept under observation for a day or two.

Soler said the man had requested that his name not be disclosed to reporters.

A 58-year-old Spaniard was gored in the left forearm, according to news reports.

There were so many runners that it seemed impossible for the bulls to squeeze through the crowd.

But the mass of people — moving just a little faster than the bulls — repeatedly parted just in

time to let the bulls pass safely through most of the time.

About dozen bulls in the run — some bred for fighting, some docile — tried to avoid hitting the runners and appeared to concentrate on staying upright as their hooves clattered along the uneven, slippery cobblestone.

At one right-hand corner, three piled up, labored heavily to their feet and continued. Most made it to the bullring about 2½ minutes after the start of the run.

But two had to be coaxed into the ring and the run didn't officially end until about four minutes after the beasts charged out of the corral.

## On anniversary, bodies returned to Srebrenica

BY SAMIR KRILIC  
The Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — As Bosnia prepared to mark the ninth anniversary of Europe's worst massacre since World War II, the bodies of 338 recently identified victims were transported Friday to the eastern town of Srebrenica where the carnage occurred.

Commemorations of the July 11, 1995, slayings of up to 8,000 Muslim men and boys at the hands of the Bosnian Serb military have served as an annual reminder of the atrocity that has come to symbolize the country's devastating three-year war.

U.N. and Muslim experts have so far discovered remains of 5,000 victims in mass graves in eastern Bosnia. The fate of the others is still unknown.

On Sunday, the slaughter will be marked by laying to rest more identified remains at a Srebrenica cemetery dedicated to the victims.

The organizers of the commemorations said they expect 20,000 people to arrive in Srebrenica from all over Bosnia in 170 buses and some 3,000 private vehicles.

The massacre in Srebrenica, at the time a U.N.-protected zone, occurred shortly before the end of the 1992-1995 Bosnian war, which took 200,000 lives and left 1.8 million people homeless.

Many families were virtually wiped out in Srebrenica by Serb soldiers who separated the men and boys from women and girls, hauled them away, summarily executed them and buried them in mass graves.

Bosnian Serb wartime leader Radovan Karadzic and his military commander, Ratko Mladic — both indicted in 1995 by the U.N. tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, for genocide and crimes against humanity — are still at large.

Bosnian Serb police officials said about 700 policemen, twice as many as last year, are assigned to secure the commemorations on Sunday.

Bosnia is comprised of the Muslim-Croat federation and the Bosnian Serb mini state, where Srebrenica is located.

Last month, Bosnian Serb officials for the first acknowledged that the Bosnian Serbs were the perpetrators of the Srebrenica massacre.

## Messages of Support

★ Hi Lanh - We hope for your safety and speedy return. We await for you call everyday to know that you are safe and sound. We pray for you day and night. Take care. Email me if that's easier.

★ This message is to all the Troops. I just want you to know that I and many other Americans are proud of you. We are praying for you!! We support you!! Don't listen to any of the comments that the Hollywood Idiots are making, they are just ignorant to the real issues why President Bush is doing what he is doing. I am in the Navy and I am proud to say God Bless America!!!! Dave Asmus

★ To All Service Men & Women, Thank you all for serving. I am praying for you all. I am praying that you stay safe over there and that you come home soon. I am praying for your families too. The whole country supports you and is so proud of you all.

## IN THE STATES

## Bush, Kerry stump in Northeast

By PETE YOST  
The Associated Press

KUTZTOWN, Pa. — President Bush rallied his Republican supporters Friday with a bus tour in a state that is key to his re-election effort, saying he will use another term in office to protect the nation from terrorists by aggressively pursuing them overseas.

"Stay on the offense. That's what this administration is going to do," Bush told a cheering crowd of 2,800 at the basketball arena of Kutztown University. "I will not relent in my quest to make sure that America is safe and secure."

Meanwhile, Democrat John Kerry raised funds in New York City at events with his running mate, John Edwards.

Bush campaigned through small towns for what his political allies say will be a tough race against Kerry.

Bush said his tax relief program is working to improve the economy and added, "It's the wrong time to be raising taxes on the American people."

Before the rally, Bush's bus pulled over for a quick stop at the Home Town Diner. "Can a guy get a cup of coffee around here?" Bush quipped. He stayed long enough to chat with customers.

Joining the president on the bus tour was his daughter Jenna, who was making her first campaign outing with her father.

Registered Democrats outnumber Republicans by more than 400,000 in Pennsylvania and Al Gore won the state by 5 percentage points in 2000, yet Bush and Democrat John Kerry are tied, the latest polls show.

Pennsylvania has lost more than 150,000 manufacturing jobs since Bush took office. Democrats have won Pennsylvania in the

## Poll: President keeps slight lead over Kerry

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrat John Kerry has solidified his base, gained some ground in the South and among lower income voters and seen independent Ralph Nader's press drop, according to an Associated Press poll.

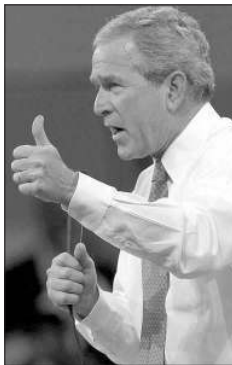
Still, Kerry is slightly behind President Bush in the AP-Ipsos poll that found voters increasingly confident about the economy just as Kerry picked his running mate.

The addition of Senator John Edwards to the ticket appears to have helped Kerry in some ways the four-term Massachusetts senator had hoped for when he selected the North Carolina populist over more seasoned politicians.

The poll found Bush slightly leading Kerry 49 percent to 45 percent with Nader at 3 percent. The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

last three presidential elections.

In New York, Kerry and Edwards, on the campaign trail together just three days, suggested Friday that Bush was emphasizing values for political gain and criticized the Republican administration's investigation of former Enron executive Ken Lay. "I understand that President Bush is going to be out today as he does every day talking about values," Edwards said.



President Bush speaks to supporters Friday at the Keystone Arena at Kutztown University in Kutztown, Pa.

"Values is not a word on a piece of paper. Values is not part of a political slogan. Values are what's inside you."

## Republicans defeat challenge to Patriot Act

By ALAN FRAM  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans used an extra-long vote to derail a drive to weaken the USA Patriot Act, handing a campaign-season victory to President Bush and angering Democrats and GOP conservatives who led the unsuccessful effort.

"You win some, and some get stolen," said conservative Rep. C.L. Burch Otter, R-Idaho.

He was a lead sponsor of the provision that would have prevented authorities from using the

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anti-terrorism law to demand information on book buyers and library users.

The proposal, which had drawn a veto threat from the White House, was defeated 210-210, with a majority needed to prevail.

House GOP leaders extended what is normally a 15-minute roll call by 23 additional minutes. That was enough to persuade about 10 Republicans to switch their votes to no, including Rep. Zach Wamp, R-Tenn.

Wamp said he changed his vote after being shown Justice Department documents asserting that terrorists have communicated over the Internet via public library computers.

"This new world we live in is going to force us to have some constraints," Wamp said.

As the amendment's prospects shifted to defeat from an apparent victory, Democrats chanted, "Shame, shame, shame." The tactic was reminiscent of last year's House passage of the Medicare overhaul measure. Then, GOP leaders held the roll call open for an extra three hours.

The House vote came amid Bush administration warnings of an increased risk of attacks this summer and fall because terrorists may try to disrupt the November elections.

It also came just four months ahead of an election in which the conduct of the fight against terrorism promises to be a central issue.

Besides successfully fending off the effort to weaken the law, the veto threat underscored Bush's determination to strike an aggressive stance on law enforcement and terrorism.

## Boy denies killing 3 at journalist's N.M. ranch

By PETE HERRERA  
The Associated Press

HONDO, N.M. — A 14-year-old boy accused of shooting to death his family at ABC television newsmen Sam Donaldson's New Mexico ranch denied the charges in children's court Friday.

Cody Posey was charged with three counts of murder and one count of tampering with evidence in the slayings Monday of his father, who managed Donaldson's ranch, his stepmother and his stepfather.

He told authorities his father regularly abused him.

"I suspect there's going to be a lot of questions as to why people ignored the signs that should have told them we had a young man desperately fighting for his sanity and help," said his attorney, Gary Mitchell.

A judge granted District Attorney Scott Key 30 days to consider whether to prosecute Cody as an adult. Key said the boy could get up to 30 years in prison if tried and convicted as an adult.

Posey was taken to a juvenile detention center in Albuquerque.

According to court papers, Cody told sheriffs his father often abused him and on Monday slapped him across the face for not cleaning horse stalls fast enough. He then allegedly shot to death his father, Delbert Posey Posey, stepmother Tryone Posey and 14-year-old stepister Mary Lee Schmid.

Donaldson came across the crime scene Tuesday, and deputies found the bodies in a shallow grave near their home at Donaldson's Chavez Canyon Ranch.

Donaldson said that he never witnessed Delbert Posey abuse Cody.

But the father of two of Cody's friends, Faustino Salcido, said the abuse was well-known to his sons and to others in the community.



Geraldine Williams, right, of Lowell, Mass., is presented a check for \$294,000,000 by Treasurer and Receiver General Timothy P. Cahill at the Massachusetts State Lottery headquarters Friday.

## Lady Luck collects her record jackpot

The Associated Press

BRAINTREE, Mass. — Meet Geraldine Williams, a retired custodian and cleaning woman who will no longer have to mop her own floors or dust her own furniture.

Williams stepped forward Friday to claim the \$294 million Mega Millions jackpot, the second-largest jackpot ever to go to a single person in North America.

Williams, who was introduced at a news conference at state lottery headquarters, said she'll take the payout in a lump sum of \$117.6 million after taxes.

She said she was still stunned by her luck, a week after the numbers were drawn.

"I'm in disbelief," she said. "I can't believe it's me."

Williams, 67, recalled staring at a television as it

showed the winning numbers, clutching her winning ticket and muttering, "Oh, God! Oh, God! Let it be! Let it be!"

Williams, 67, cleaned homes after retiring as a custodian at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell. She said she fully intended to keep an appointment to clean a client's home this week until she was told she had to wait with financial advisers in Boston.

Williams said she told her three children about her good fortune as soon as she knew, but added hiding it from everyone else had been difficult.

She kept the winning ticket at a bank before turning it in.

"It's horrible," she said. "I don't like lying. I don't like sneaking around."

She said she plans to give the money to her children and some charities, and to travel.

Williams is a grandmother of eight who moved to Lowell more than 40 years ago.

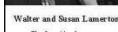
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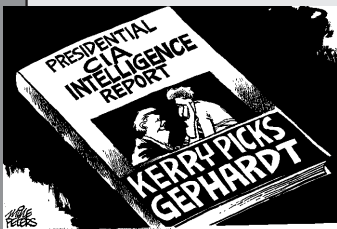
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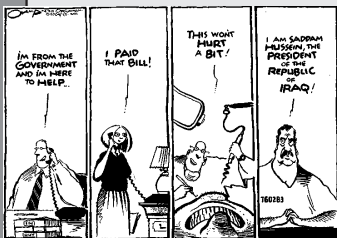


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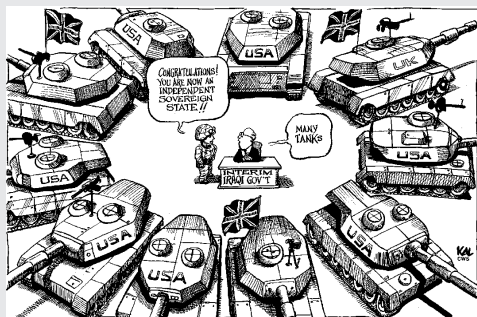
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## Venom's clues

**AR** PAYETTEVILLE — A tarantula toxin may offer a clue to better methods of fighting infections, according to university researchers in Arkansas and New York who say they've discovered a new way to regulate how proteins interact inside cell membranes.

The scientists also believe their model could lead to more efficient drug screening.

Scientists have explained the interaction of antibiotics using a "lock-and-key model" in which a drug of a certain shape binds to bacterial proteins to neutralize it and prevent the spread of infection.

But there appears to be an exception to the lock-and-key model: tarantula toxin. Peptide isolated from a tarantula's venom acted as a "key" for a certain type of cell membrane, even though it had the mirror-opposite shape of the natural protein in the study.

## Bachelor of Harley

**KS** FRONTENAC — With the backing of Harley-Davidson, Fort Scott Community College will offer a degree in this fall in applied science in motorcycle service technology. Students who finish the degree will be able to transfer the credits to Pittsburg State University and earn a bachelor of applied science in technology with a focus on motorcycles.

## Dumb clocks

**MA** GARDNER — Library director Gail Landy learned that when it comes to Roman numerals on clocks, IIII equals IV.

Construction manager Tom Kondel, head of the Levi Heywood Memorial Library project, came to her recently and said, "Gail, we've got a problem with the clock," referring to the large clock installed over the west door of the new library building.

As Kondel said, the number four on the clock was IIII instead of the expected IV. Landy decided it wouldn't do to have what she called an "illiterate" clock. "We called up the clock manufacturer and they said, 'That's the way we do clocks,'" she told the Telegram & Gazette of Worcester in an interview published Friday.

When she looked at her watch, which had Roman numerals, she discovered that it too used IIII for the number four.

## Shhhh ... birds breeding

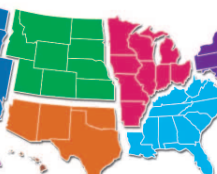
**TX** HOUSTON — For a critically endangered species of Texas birds, privacy — or at least some peace and quiet — is necessary for survival.

So building a children's attraction near a breeding facility for the Attwater's prairie chicken at the Houston Zoo hasn't been good for the birds.

In the wild, residential and commercial development has eaten away at the Attwater's natural habitat.

In captivity, a virus reduced the number of chickens that can be released into the wild, a main breeding facility. At the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge near Eagle Lake, a hen that had successfully hatched a brood in the wild was killed.

At Houston, of the 78 eggs incubated this season, only about 35



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birds will be available for release into the wild. That's the average number the zoo has produced in the last two years.

## High STD rate

**AK** ANCHORAGE — Alaska continues to have the highest rate of chlamydia infections in the nation, with 696 of every 100,000 residents diagnosed with the sexually transmitted disease.

It's the third straight year Alaska earned the dubious distinction, according to federal health officials. More than two-thirds of the state's 3,900 cases in 2003 were in women.

## Near-miss on runway

**IL** CHICAGO — The Federal Aviation Administration has launched an investigation into how two city trucks were able to stray onto a runway at O'Hare International Airport, forcing two planes to abort landings.

On June 27, the Chicago Department of Aviation pickup trucks came within 3,000 feet of a Northwest Airlines DC-9 passenger jet and a Polar Air Cargo 747 plane, FAA spokeswoman Elizabeth Isham Cory said.

Radar tapes showed the aircraft were traveling about 160 mph at altitudes of 200 to 300 feet when the pilots noticed the yellow city trucks on the runway, officials said.

The trucks swerved onto the grass and the pilots used an emer-



**"I pledge allegiance..."**  
Nuray Sykes, left, and her daughter Naasiba Sykes, center, stand for the "Pledge of Allegiance," during the Islamic Society of Central Florida community Independence Day celebration.

gency maneuver to avoid them, officials said.

The incidents took place after 11 a.m., as part of the airport under-repair repairs.

## Cat coverup fails

**WV** PRINCETON — A 14-year-old girl under house arrest on charges of murdering her father escaped after cutting an electronic monitoring device off her ankle and gluing it to a cat, authorities said.

Police searched for Kayla Marie LaSala, who fled an uncle's house. If she thought pinning the device to the cat would fool authorities, it did not work. An alarm went off when a circuit in the device was broken, officials said.

Kayla is awaiting trial Sept. 7 on charges of stabbing her father to death in February.

## Health kick for kids

**NH** NASHUA — Nashua school officials hope students soon will learn about nutrition from school vending machines, not just textbooks.

A School Board committee is recommending the school snuff out their junk food machines, replacing soda, chips and candy bars with flavored water, trail mix and granola bars.

"The intent is to promote healthy foods in school every way we can," said Jeanette Kimball, the school district's food services director.

Under the plan, students also will say goodbye to just about every kind of ice cream offered at school, and start developing a taste for frozen yogurt or juice pops.

## Explosive Independence

**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — About 200 pounds of explosives and bomb-making hardware stolen from a storage locker used by two public safety agencies have been recovered from a stolen van, authorities said Thursday.

The items were stolen sometime over the July 4 weekend from storage magazines in a depot used by the San Francisco Police Department and the San Mateo County Sheriff's office.

The van was stopped near a shopping center in Union City Wednesday night, said McKee.

A man was detained by Hayward police but he was not arrested pending questioning by ATF agents, McKee said.

## 'Day of rest' problem

**CA** RICHMOND — Workers across Virginia have been telling their bosses that they want Sundays off after learning of a legislative mistake that resurrected a "day-of-rest" law for all employees.

Supermarkets, manufacturers, restaurants, hotels and home-improvement stores have reported a big leap in Sunday-off requests from employees in the past week.

The "day of rest" law was brought to life in the last session of the General Assembly when lawmakers mistakenly deleted exemptions that let most of the state's private businesses assign people to work on their Sabbath. State officials say the error occurred in a bill that repealed obsolete blue laws banning business activity.

Businesses are placing increasing pressure on state officials to reverse the legislative action.



## Sweltering strike

Striking Maytag workers wave to a passing car while working a picket line outside a Maytag production plant in Newton, Iowa.



## Patriotic song

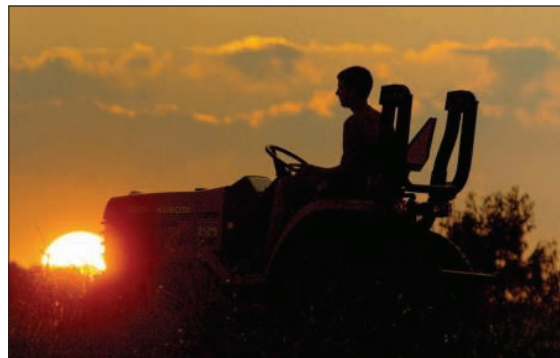
Sara Pyszka from Pittsburgh performs the "Star Spangled Banner" before the Texas Rangers play the Cleveland Indians in Cleveland.



## Shifting gears

The 2004 Cascade Cycling Classic moves along the Cascades Lakes Highway near Devil's Lake in Bend, Ore., on the first day of the four-day race. Mount Bachelor is in the background.





Mowing off into the sunset

Matt Houck, 14, rides a mower as he cuts the grass as the sun sets behind him in the field outside his home in Woodbine, Md.



Friendly faces

Amber Girardin of Palisade, Colo., lets her cat find shelter from rain in the braids of her hair. The two were attending the Rainbow Family peace gathering in Modoc National Forest, Calif.



Amazing acrobatics

Maria Silaeva performs "Manipulation" during Cirque du Soleil's Alegria in Philadelphia.



Forces of nature

Lightning streaks across the sky above the GM&O railroad building in downtown Mobile, Ala., as strong thunderstorms roll through the Gulf Coast.

## No smoking indoors

**MA** BOSTON — A statewide indoor smoking ban took effect throughout Massachusetts. It prohibits smoking in all workplaces, restaurants and bars. Smokers are subject to a \$100 fine for each violation, while business owners who allow smoking in their establishments face fines of up to \$300. Private clubs and cigar bars are exempt from the ban.

## Required shot

**MO** ST. LOUIS — Missouri's public colleges and universities are alerting students to a new law that requires them to get a meningitis vaccine. The law applies to all students in campus housing this fall. Students who choose not to get the vaccine must sign a waiver indicating that they've received information about meningitis. College students living in dormitories or with roommates are at higher risk for the disease, health officials say.

## Loyalty rewarded

**SD** SIOUX FALLS — Gov. Mike Rounds named most of the 73 incoming freshmen and current South Dakota college students who will receive aid from the Dakota Corps Scholarship. Officials said \$365,000 was committed to the privately funded program for the next school year. The award is in return for students' promise to enter a critical-care occupation and stay in the state for a certain number of years.

## No hats or sunglasses

**KY** CARROLLTON — About 30 Kentucky banks have adopted a policy of telling walk-in customers to remove their hats and sunglasses. The Kentucky Bankers Association says the program targets the most common type of bank robbery, known as "note jobs." That's when the robber quietly enters the bank and passes the teller a note demanding cash.

## Different kind of shower

**TX** FORT WORTH — A meteorite or shower Wednesday night lit up the sky from Texas to western Tennessee, prompting a flood of reports to law enforcement officers throughout a five-state region.

The lights flashed across the sky shortly after 9 p.m. in portions of Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Tennessee.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration said the spotting was a meteorite, probably several.

## Cut out the middleman

**NH** MOULTONBORO — The state Health and Human Services commission says a move to a computer-based purchasing system could save millions of dollars a year on health care.

Commissioner John Stephen said the state's hands are tied by contracts to pharmacies and suppliers who boost prices. Stephen said consumers often pay less than the state for items because they can comparison shop.

He said unless the state cuts out the middlemen, New Hampshire will not be able to keep up with health care expenses.

## Natural disasters plan

**WA** OLYMPIA — Washington has become the first state in the nation to secure federal approval for a sweeping plan to prevent and handle natural disasters.

The foot-thick blueprint offers state and local communities a play-book for getting ready for disasters and finding ways to lower risks, Gov. Gary Locke said Wednesday.

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires state and tribal governments to plan for potential hazards. Locke and the top Federal Emergency Management Agency representative in the region said it's no surprise that Washington became the first to secure federal approval.

## Nursing homes fined

**IL** CHICAGO — Nursing homes across Illinois are fined more often and for greater amounts, state Health Department records show. In 2001, officials fined 56 facilities \$441,700. Last year, 100 facilities were fined \$955,000. Industry officials said the stiffer fines don't improve service and place a financial burden on some homes. Health officials say they want facilities that are fined to follow regulations.

## Rash of burned flags

**VT** MONTPELIER — At least five American flags have been found burned in public places in the city since mid-June, and several residents have reported their flags missing, police said.

Though no solid leads have developed, police Chief Douglas Hoyt said "it's entirely possible" the incidents are related.

Desecrating a U.S. flag is not a crime, but the perpetrator could be prosecuted for theft or damaging someone else's property, Hoyt said.

In one of the incidents, two mutilated flags were wrapped around an Ethan Allen statue at the Statehouse. In another, a U.S. flag was placed on a church's Virgin Mary statue and set on fire.

## Not rising to challenge

**UT** PAYSON — The idea of giving away a bakery to the best essayist was half-baked.

An essay contest offering the winner a bakery and an adjoining building, has been called off because the owners didn't get enough entries.

Roe's Bake Shoppe owners Paul and Lolly Penrod have now decided to sell the shop rather than give it away.

"The publicity was out there, but there just wasn't enough interest," Lolly said. "We didn't even have half of what we needed."

The Penrods announced the contest in April, proposing they would give the bakery to the person who paid a \$100 entry fee and wrote the best essay of fewer than 300 words on the theme "Why I want to own Roe's Bake Shoppe."

Photos and stories from The Associated Press



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**THE WORLD**

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**TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK**

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## EUROPEAN FORECAST

**BeneLux:** Mostly cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the 60s and lows in the lower 40s.

**Britain, Ireland:** Mostly cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s to lower 70s and lows in the lower 40s to lower 50s.

**Croatia and Bosnia:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s and lows in the lower 50s.

**France:** Mostly cloudy with rain showers in the north and sunny in the south. Highs in the upper 60s to upper 70s and lows in the mid-50s to mid-60s.

**Northern Germany:** Mostly cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms and gusty winds. Highs in the 60s and lows in the lower 40s to mid-50s.

**Southern Germany:** Mostly cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s to mid-60s and lows in the upper 40s to mid-50s.

**Hungary:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the 70s and lows in the lower 40s.

**Northern Italy:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the 80s and lows in the mid-40s.

**Southern Italy:** Sunny. Highs in the mid-80s to lower 90s and lows in the mid to upper 60s.

**Kosovo:** Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s and lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

**Norway:** Cloudy with rain. Highs in the lower 60s and lows in the lower 50s.

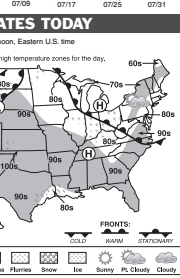
**Portugal, Spain:** Sunny to partly cloudy with rain showers in the morning to the northeast. Highs in the 80s and lows in the upper 50s to upper 60s.

**Turkey:** Sunny. Highs in the 80s to the north and inland... 90s elsewhere. Lows in the upper 50s to mid-60s.

For current weather watches, warnings, and 5-day forecasts go to the USAF Operational Weather Squadron home page at <https://ows.sembach.af.mil>

## SUN & MOON

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# FACES 'N' PLACES

## George Michael: Never gonna chat again

George Michael might have expected some praise from adoring fans when he set up a chat room on his Web site.

Instead, contributors complained the 41-year-old looked old and overweight and criticized his recent music, prompting the pop singer to announce Thursday he is shutting down the forum.

In a message posted on his site, Michael said the negativity was bad for him, his fans and his music.

"Those of you that want to carry on the media's work will have to do it somewhere else I suppose," he wrote.

He signed off: "Sorry guys, but that's the way it goes... Peace and Love... or nothing at all."



Michael

## The force of the law is with him

Ewan McGregor has won damages from newspapers that printed photos of him and his family on a vacation in Mauritius.

Details of the settlement with The Sun, the Daily Record and other newspapers weren't disclosed in court Monday, but The Guardian newspaper said it amounted to about \$74,000.

McGregor, star of "Moulin Rouge" and several "Star Wars" films, won a court ruling in November that the pictures were a breach of confidence and violated data protection laws.

## Ja Rule appears before court

Rapper Ja Rule appeared at a Queens, N.Y., courthouse to answer to a 1996 warrant that surfaced when he was arrested during a Manhattan traffic stop last week.

On Wednesday, Queens Criminal Court Judge Steven Paynter ordered Ja Rule, whose real name is Jeffrey Atkins, to pay a \$100 fine and closed the case, which involved a charge of resisting arrest.

Ja Rule and his lawyer, Renee Hill, said they had not known about the old warrant until the rapper's recent brush with the law.

Ja Rule, 28, of Saddle River, N.J., was arrested last Thursday after he was pulled over by police who saw him changing lanes without signaling and found a small amount of marijuana in his possession.

He was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana and driving with a suspended license, but the drug charge was apparently dropped the same day.

In that case, the rapper pleaded guilty to driving with a suspended license and paid \$550 in fines and court fees.



Ja Rule

## Gere sends safe-sex message in India

Richard Gere launched his new HIV/AIDS prevention campaign in India's financial and entertainment capital, using Indian film and sports stars to convey a safe-sex message.

The Heroes Project is the latest initiative by Gere, who over the past year has become a vocal campaigner against HIV/AIDS in the region, identifying AIDS awareness and care projects that need more funds.

India has 5.1 million HIV-positive people, the world's second highest number of infections after South Africa, according to a report issued Tuesday by UNAIDS.

In the campaign's first TV spot broadcast Wednesday, India's star cricketer Rahul Dravid put on his helmet and said: "Don't take chances with AIDS. Protect yourself and others."

Future ads will be more direct, Gere told The Associated Press.

Celebrities will "pick up a condom and talk about it," the 54-year-old actor said. "They'll say, 'Please use it. You gotta protect yourself, you know about this disease. Use a condom.'"

Anti-AIDS campaigns in India are rarely so candid.

The campaign's public service messages will run nationwide next month in newspapers, television, radio and on the Internet.

Photos and stories from wire services



Photo courtesy of the WB

Lead singer and guitarist Henry Garza, left, and bassist Jojo Garza are two-thirds of Texas-based rockers Los Lonely Boys. The trio has burst onto the music scene with the radio hit "Heaven."

# LOS BREAKTHROUGH

## Los Lonely Boys seek to bring substance back to empty Latin rock scene

BY JIM FARBBER

New York Daily News

The music world has no shortage of superb Latin-rock bands, from Control Machete to Kinky. But, for the last 30 years, only one — Santana — has sustained mainstream stardom.

Soon, history may add another name to that list.

After 10 months of building on the charts, the Tex-Mex brother act known as Los Lonely Boys has seen its self-titled CD make it all the way to No. 13 on Billboard's Top 200 Album chart.

That's the highest rank for an Anglo-Spanish act since Los Lobos' cover of Ritchie Valens' classic "La Bamba" 17 years ago.

Powering the CD's ascent is the Top 40 single "Heaven," a mix of Southern rock, Latin lilt and accessible pop.

According to bassist Jojo Garza, the band's breakthrough has less to do with ethnicity than with authenticity.

"Music right now needs a little help to bring back the real thing," he says. "Technology took over for a time, and people forgot where real music came from."

For Los Lonely Boys, it came directly from their father, musician Henry Garza. He exposed them as kids to the songs of Texas legends Willie Nelson, Doug Sahm and Stevie Ray Vaughan.

The band consists of three Garzas: Jojo (25), guitarist Henry Jr. (26) and drummer Ringo (22).

That last name is real: "My dad loved the Beatles, and he never knew anybody with that name," Jojo explains. "It's just amazing he grew up to be a great drummer."

The siblings started out playing with their father as teens, near their home in Snyder, Tex. "We backed him in little bars and cantinas," says Jojo. "It was just to make ends meet — or to make ends, since they weren't meeting."



Photo courtesy of Epic Records

From left, brothers Henry, Jojo and Ringo of Los Lonely Boys. Country star Willie Nelson has been singing the praises of the band since hearing their demo, and the brothers recorded their self-titled album at Nelson's studio.

The Boys struck out on their own in '96 and built a following for their soulful mingling of Texas blues and traditional Mexican conjunto. They got a huge boost from Willie Nelson, who started talking them up in the press after he heard their demo, and they wound up recording their debut at Nelson's studio.

On the CD, Henry's guitar-driven sound takes inspiration from Vaughn's grinding solos and Duane Allman's soaring ones, as well as Santana's sweet leads.

"Those are the teachers," Jojo says.

He hopes listeners learn from them, too. Jojo, a foe of materialistically minded modern music, says, "They all sing about diamonds and gold. And not everybody has that. But everybody has a heart, and blood that runs through their veins. That's what we sing about."

# Horoscope

Mercury passes Mars, bringing a wave of agitation with it. The odds of getting into a verbal sparring match are increased, but that's not the worst of it, since these things tend to escalate. Watch your words! The more positive side of this transit is that many have the passion to say what needs to be said and to initiate social change.

Joyce Jilison



## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**(July 10).** This year starts off with huge, remarkable success on the work front. Your personal life sparks with new romantic intrigue. Couples throw parties together. Your social circle enlarges, especially in September. Education is enhanced this fall — your livelihood is enhanced when you make the effort. Lucky love connections are Capricorn and Aquarius.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Tenacity is the name of the game. You might feel like a broken record repeating the same action, but that's what it takes. Couples: Experts agree that the essential component of a successful marriage is communication.

## Taurus (April 20-May 20).

Your basic needs are met, but happiness comes from exciting more. Paternal issues are part of the fabric today, and you may find yourself repeating an interwoven pattern because of deep-rooted feelings about your father.

## Gemini (May 21-June 21).

Stay productive, even if you don't leave the house. Don't do it because you should but because being productive is what will make your heart feel full. Water-sign influences turn up supernatural powers of intuition.

## Cancer (June 22-July 22).

Your quirky habits are feared — an outside observer might declare that you've grown more eccentric. Pay no attention to what the "normal" people are doing. An encounter with an Aquarius starts something interesting.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Bonds are strengthened with a little more effort on your part. You're thinking:

Why not on theirs? Why do I always have to be the one to make an effort? In this case, you're stronger. If you lead by action, you'll like what happens next.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Your wheels are turning in the direction of problem-solving, sharing ideas and promoting tolerance in your corner of the world. Make sure you've got plenty of variety in your schedule and in the company you keep.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

The perfectionist in you wants to scream (or at least take on a louder voice than what's appropriate!) Don't let the critic shut you down. Pursue your talent without looking back.

Act as if your enthusiasm is high, and it will return.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Just when you think you're busy, five more tasks are added to the load. In the time it takes to ask for help or give instructions, you may as well have done it alone, so knuckle down and handle it. You'll be well compensated.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

You're worried about whether you've got enough willpower to change a habit of yours, but self-discipline is not the issue. When your perception changes, it's easy to change your habit.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Personal development is simple. If you don't like what you're getting, change what you're giving. Tonight, your ears may be burning! Your confidence rockets when you hear what people think of you.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

You know what's best for the people in your care, so speak up. Be smart — don't let go until you've done everything you can to help. You needn't concern yourself with keeping up appearances. Just be real.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You'll be the exception to the rule today, something you're used to by now. It's not that you set out to be special, but your unique circumstances lead you against the current. Embrace your oddball tendencies.

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## Peanuts



## Calvin and Hobbes



## Jump Start



## Zits



## Cathy



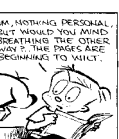
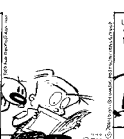
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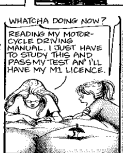
## Beetle Bailey



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## Better or Worse







# Got Jitters? Go get counseling

**Dear Abby:** I am 24. My fiancé is 28. We have been together for five years and are engaged to be married in August. I love him, but I wonder if I love him enough to marry him. The closer we get to our wedding, the more I want to be free.

I want to go out, have fun and not feel so serious about everything. He makes things so much more complicated than they have to be. I can't even suggest a place to go for dinner without him having to think it over. I feel guilty because I feel less attracted to him all the time. Should I marry him?

—Claustrophobic  
in San Francisco

**Dear Claustrophobic:** You may be experiencing pre-wedding jitters, but one thing is certain: You shouldn't say "I do" unless you mean it with all your heart. You and your fiancé could benefit from premarital counseling. It is something that many churches

offer and can be valuable for any couple considering a lifetime commitment. Only if you can accept your fiancé the way he is should you go through with the marriage.

**Dear Abby:** I'm embarrassed

**Dear Abby**



to admit this, but my husband doesn't brush his teeth every day. To make matters worse, he wears upper dentures, which he soaks and cleans only about once a week. He hasn't been to a dentist in the 13 years we've been married, and I suspect he hadn't been for some time before that.

I have talked to him about how this limits my desire to kiss him. Smelling his breath from 3 feet away is something I can't ignore. I have tried reasoning with him that dental health is part of a total health program, but he also hasn't been seen by a doctor in the time we've been married — despite a family history of heart

problems, prostate cancer and diabetes. He appears to be in good health, but I worry about him.

When I tell him how his lax dental hygiene affects my physical desires, he listens intently, says he understands — and then nothing changes. I love him. We have a good marriage, but he simply won't budge. Please give me some advice. Perhaps if he sees this in the paper he'll recognize himself.

—Longing For a Sweet-Smelling Kiss in Georgia

**Dear Longing:** Frankly, I don't know how you have stood to this long. Insist on "clearing the air" with a marriage counselor.

Ask for a referral to a health-care provider who is familiar with medical and dental phobias. The alternative is to spend the rest of your life wearing a clothespin on your nose when your husband feels amorous.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 60440, Los Angeles, CA 90060. Readers can e-mail to Abby on the Internet at: <http://www.uxpress.com/dearabby>  
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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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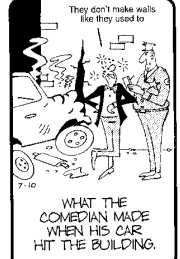
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Answers Monday

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henry Arnold and Mike Argentin

The 800/900 nos. have been DISCONTINUED.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers Monday

Yesterday's Jumbles: MADAM GAWKY HEARSE EMBARK  
Answer: What Dad faced when the family went for a drive — AHEAD

# Helpful tips that will open things up

**Dear Annie:** You were right when you told "AI in the Midwest" that octogenarians aren't the only ones having trouble opening pull-tab lids. My 55-year-old daughter taught me to turn the cans upside down and use a regular can opener. It works unless the can has a rounded bottom.

As for items sealed in plastic-and-cardboard packaging, the solution to opening them is a Widgee, an inexpensive scraper and cutter manufactured by the Gillette Company.

—Lee in the East

**Dear Lee:** We were swamped with replies from readers eager to help "AI" open things. Several readers recommended specific brand-name products, and although we are happy to mention them, we have no idea if they work or not, so caveat emptor (buyer beware). Here's more:

Annie's Mailbox



**From Sun City, Ariz.:** Put the can on

the counter with the tab toward you. Pry up the tab with a spoon, then insert one of the handles of a metal garlic-crusher and let the end rest against the edge on the other side. Hold the can firmly on the counter and then pull up the lid.

**Southwest:** Tell "AI" to visit a kitchen supply store. It likely has several types of pull-tab openers for sale like the kind airline flight attendants use.

**Illinois:** "AI" should look in the pet food section of his local supermarket. I was trying to save my fingernails when I found a plastic utensil for opening pet food cans for my cat.

**Binghamton, N.Y.:** To open a tab can, look through your

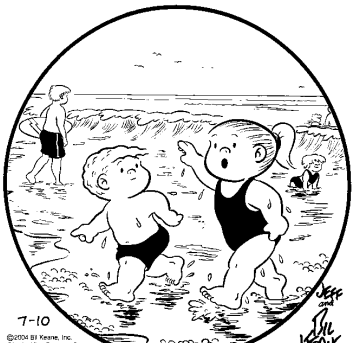
kitchen utensil drawer and find a long handle that will go through the hole in the tab and use this as a lever. To open a pickle or jelly jar, poke a tiny hole in the tin cover, carefully, with a pointed knife or an ice pick. When it "pops," you're home free. I have no solutions for medicine capsules in plastic packaging.

**South Carolina:** There is a \$3.99 item on the market that you allows one to hook onto a pull tab and open the can easily. Check the Web site [dynamic-living.com](http://dynamic-living.com) and click on "Arthritis." For jar lids, try Dycem(R) matting, available at most occupational therapy departments and restaurant supply stores. An X-ACTO(R) knife is good for opening plastic-sealed medication.

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## Family Circus



"I don't like oceans. There aren't any sides to hang onto."

## GRAFFITI

TODAY'S CITIES SUFFER FROM HARDENING OF THE TRAFFIC ARTERIES

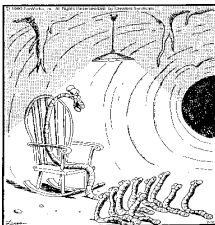
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Dennis the Menace



"MY GRANDPA SAYS YOU ARE ONE HOT DISH. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?"

The Far Side



"That story again? ... Well, one stormy night, when the whole family was asleep, your grandfather quietly rose from his bed, took an ax, and made all you little grandkids."

Non Sequitur

BIRTH OF THE BIKING-GRANDMANS REBELLION



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# Kids made to dig their own graves

Details emerging in abuse case against foster parents of 18

The Associated Press

TRENTON, Tenn. — A couple facing criminal abuse charges forced some of their 18 foster and adopted children — many of them disabled — to dig their own graves, warning the youngsters they could be killed and nobody would care, according to investigative documents.

A search warrant affidavit released in the case against Thomas and Debra Schmitz also alleges that the children were beaten, locked in a cage and punished by having their eyeglasses, leg braces or crutches taken away.

A home care nurse told authorities the "children were forced to dig their own graves" and told by the couple "they could be killed and buried in the back yard and no one will care," according to the affidavit.

The nurse said she saw two children, ages 8 and 10, forced to sleep in a locked metal cage without a mattress or blankets. The youngsters were "curled in a fetal position in the cage," the affidavit said.

Debra Schmitz, 44, was charged on June 22 with three counts of aggravated child abuse and one count of child abuse; Thomas Schmitz, 45, was charged with one count of aggravated child abuse and one count of child abuse.

They have denied wrongdoing and, on legal advice, have refused interview requests since their arrest.

## McDonald's fat lawsuit

SAN FRANCISCO — McDonald's Corp. has been hit with a lawsuit accusing the fast-food giant of failing to reduce fat in the cooking oil used in its french fries and other foods.

The suit, filed Thursday in federal court on behalf of a California woman, says McDonald's has not disclosed "to the public in an effective manner that it had not switched to a new, healthier cooking oil."

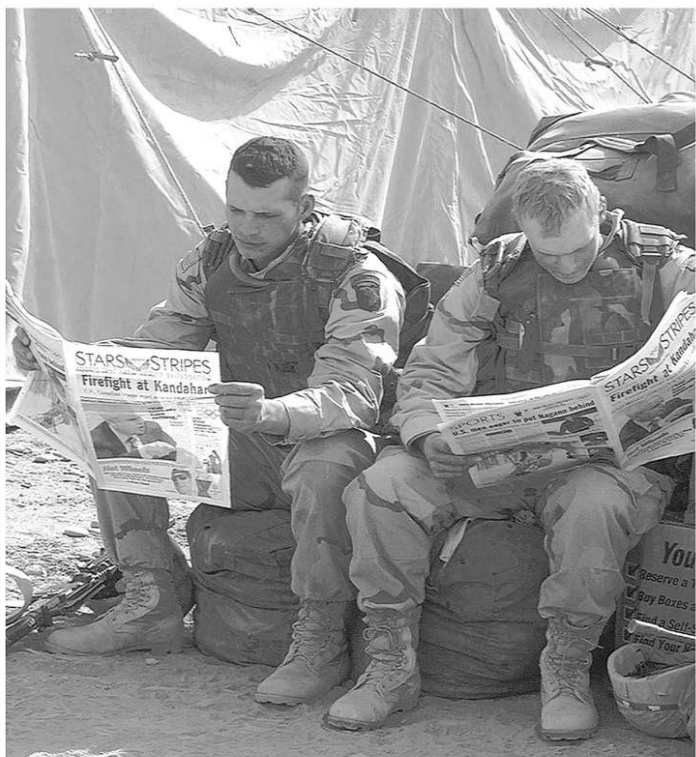
## New gas giant

DALLAS — Astronomers have discovered a planet orbiting a star in the constellation Orion — without ever actually seeing it.

They watched the star, about 140 light-years or roughly 800 trillion miles away, and deduced the presence of a planet by how much the star wiggled.

The planet, called HD 37605b, is a gas giant 2.8 times the mass of Jupiter. The planet zips around its star once every 54 days.

From The Associated Press



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# Armstrong regroups after early Tour crash

BY JAMEY KEATEN

The Associated Press

ANGERS, France — Lance Armstrong recovered from an early fall and avoided a late crash, finishing in a pack behind stage winner and former teammate Tom Boonen of Belgium in the Tour de France on Friday.

Armstrong, trying for a record sixth straight Tour title, was thrown from his bike but not hurt in a crash involving a number of cyclists about 20 minutes into the sixth stage, a 122-mile run from Bonneville to Angers.

Armstrong and rival Jan Ullrich of T-Mobile managed to stay clear of a major wreck near the finish that involved all but about 30 riders.

According to the rules, competitors held up in a crash in the final kilometer of a stage are given the same time as the winner.

Boonen and a pack of riders, including Armstrong and Ullrich, finished the stage in 4 hours, 33 minutes, 41 seconds. Ullrich was 26th, and Armstrong 34th.

Thomas Voeckler of France retained the overall leader's yellow jersey and was 9 minutes, 35 seconds ahead of the sixth-place Armstrong. Ullrich is another 53 seconds back.

Armstrong quickly got back in the race after the early fall and, with help from his U.S. Postal Service teammates, caught up with the pack "It was a typical early race

crash," he said. "There's nothing you can do. You hit the brakes, but bikes don't stop that fast, so I just went over."

Armstrong said he was not seriously hurt.

"It wasn't bad, a little bit on the arm, a little bit on the hip," he said.

The five-time champion also criticized organizers for the narrow layout of the final stretch into the finish.

"Coming in, they've got the barriers really tight, and you've got 200 guys racing through there at 40 mph... You're really to have crashes," Armstrong said.

Boonen won a sprint finish, speeding past Cofidis' Stuart O'Grady of Australia and T-Mobile rider Erik Zabel of Germany.

"It was really a great win," said Boonen, who is riding in his first Tour. "I love this kind of sprint — hard — for really strong sprinters."

The spill was the first of this Tour for Armstrong and came a day after the 32-year-old Texan said he was worried about crashing.

Adverse conditions marred much of the first week, although weather for Friday's stage was balmy by comparison and mostly rain-free.

"In this race, I'm always scared, always nervous," he said. "The last two or three days for me, personally, have been really, really nerve-racking."

"It's a stressful race."

Vitacek Ekimov of Russia, Arm-



U.S. Postal Service team leader Lance Armstrong, center, adjusts his brakes after he swapped his damaged back wheel with teammate Benjamin Noval Gonzalez, right, after Armstrong fell during the sixth stage of the Tour de France on Friday.

strong's trusted teammate who usually steers him through crashes and other hazards, arrived last and battered at Postal's bus, a thin stream of blood running down his right leg.

Five Postal riders were among the top 10 in the overall standings after the stage.

American Tyler Hamilton, a former

teammate of Armstrong who now rides for Phonak, blew a tire. He caught up with the main group near the 36-mile mark and finished 102st in the stage. He is 13th overall.

The fast-paced sixth stage took place without two of cycling's fastest sprinters, Italians Mario Cipollini and Alessandro Petacchi, who pulled out of the race before the start due to injury.

## Mallon goes bogey-free, sets Canadian Open pace

The Associated Press

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario — Who needs practice when you're playing as well as Meg Mallon? After taking most of the last three days off after winning the U.S. Women's Open, Mallon shot a 7-under 65 on Thursday to take the first-round lead in the Canadian Open on Friday.

"I knew that I needed to rest," Mallon said. "Today, I felt like my legs were back with me again."

The 41-year-old Mallon played the Legends on the Niagara layout only once before the tournament, and relied on caddy John Killeen to help navigate the 3-year-old Battlefield Course that emphasizes accurate approach shots and putting.

Mallon missed only four greens in regulation in her bogey-free round and required a mere 25 putts — including a 30-footer for birdie on 14. She has played 43 straight holes without a bogey and is 17 under in her last three rounds.

On Sunday in the U.S. Women's Open, she closed with a 6-under 65 — the best final round by a champion in tournament history — to beat Annika Sorenstam by two strokes in South Hadley, Mass.

Gloria Park, Johanna Head and Kris Tschetter opened with 67s, and Jennifer Rossa, Angela Stanford and Canadian Dawn Coe-Jones were another stroke back.

### Golf roundup

#### Coceres ahead in Deere Classic

SILVIS, Ill. — Jose Coceres birdied eight of his first 11 holes and shot a 9-under 62 on Thursday to take a one-stroke lead in the opening round of the John Deere Classic.

Coceres, seeking his first PGA Tour victory since winning twice in 2001, had birdie putts of 36 and 45 feet in his bogey-free round at the TPC at Deere Run.

Vaughn Taylor eagled the par-5 17th to briefly take a share of the lead but he three-putted the final hole for a bogey and finished with a 63. Greg Chalmers and tour rookie Daniel Chopra had 64s.

#### Morgan holds 3-stroke edge

DEARBORN, Mich. — Gil Morgan fell one shot short of his own first-round record at the Senior Players Championship, taking a three-stroke lead with a 7-under 65.

Morgan's lead is the largest opening-round lead in the history of the major tournament.

Dana Quigley, 2001 champion Allen Doyle, Bruce Fleisher, Iso Aoki, Jose Maria Canizares and Mark James, Europe's captain in the 1999 Ryder Cup, were all at 68. Hale Irwin, the top-ranked player on the Champions Tour, was in a group of seven at 69. Defending



Meg Mallon watches her drive from the 13th tee during the Canadian Open in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, Friday.

champion Craig Stadler and Jim Thorpe had 70s.

#### Havret leads Scottish Open as Michelson misses cut

LUSS, Scotland — Gregory Havret played the kind of golf worthy of his audience Friday in the Scottish Open.

Havret, the eagle and three birdies over the final six holes for a 7-under 64, matching the best score of the round at Loch Lomond and giving the 27-year-old Frenchman a one-shot lead.

Havret was at 9-under 133 going into a weekend that will not include Phil Mickelson.

The Masters champion shot an even-par 71 to finish at 1-over 143 and miss the cut.

## Arrest warrants issued for two La Salle players

From wire reports

PHILADELPHIA — Arrest warrants were signed on Thursday night for Greg Neal and Mike Cleaves, two of La Salle University's best basketball players, in the alleged rape of a 19-year-old woman last month at the university.

As Cleaves turned himself in at the Special Victims Unit, Neal was in Atlanta waiting for a flight to Philadelphia, police said.

The two face a lengthy list of sexual-offense charges, including rape.

Also Thursday, a university official confirmed that two of the school's basketball coaches had been suspended. The La Salle women's coach, John Miller, and the men's coach, Billy Hall, have been put on administrative leave with pay as an internal probe into another alleged rape on campus last year continues, university spokesman Joe Donovan said. In that incident, the coaches have been accused of telling a woman not to report the alleged rape.

DNA samples taken from the two matched evidence recovered from the dormitory room where the woman said she was raped early on June 24, police said Tuesday.

The 19-year-old woman, a student at the University of New Haven in Connecticut, told police she was intoxicated when she met

the two basketball players outside St. Miguel Court on campus around 1 a.m. and accompanied them to a dormitory room. The men raped her, she said, and she next remembered waking up on a couch in the dormitory.

After the woman talked to investigators, one of her friends, a 20-year-old member of the La Salle women's basketball team, said she, too, had been raped.

She said that her assailant was a third member of the La Salle men's team and that the attack occurred in April 2003.

Coaches had discouraged her from going forward with her account, she said.

#### Bertuzzi won't attend hearing

TORONTO — Todd Bertuzzi reportedly will not appear in court Friday for a hearing on charges he assaulted Colorado's Steve Moore during a game.

Bertuzzi was suspended indefinitely by the NHL, missing 13 regular-season games and seven post-season games, losing nearly \$502,000 in salary, following his blind-side punch to Moore's head on March 8.

The right wing has not been seen in public since Vancouver's playoff game April 19, after which Canucks players presented game-worn sweaters to selected fans. Bertuzzi received a huge ovation when he walked onto the ice wearing his No. 44 sweater over a shirt and tie. He hugged a fan, waved to admirers and went back in the dressing room.

# Kenseth's title chase different this year

BY NANCY ARMOUR

The Associated Press

**JOLLET, Ill.** — If these were the old days, Matt Kenseth would be getting nervous.

He has dropped to fifth in the standings, 356 points behind leader Jimmie Johnson, after tough finishes in four of his last five races. He hasn't won since March and has one top-five finish in the last six races.

But these aren't the old days. NASCAR retooled its championship to try to put more emphasis on winning and ending winners wrap up the title long before the season ends — as Kenseth did last year. Now the field is reset with 10 races to go, and all drivers in the top 10 can make a run at the sport's biggest prize.

"That is the good thing that with this new system you can make mistakes — but not a lot — and have problems and have things break early in the year, and can still run for the championship," Kenseth said. "That's different a lot different than it ever has been before."

"(But) we need to be more solid in the top 10 so in case we do have more problems we don't drop out of it."

Kenseth was a model of consistency when he won the final Winston Cup championship last year. He won only once, but he finished in the top 10 in all but seven of the first 27 races. He led the standings for most of the season and built such a big lead no one could catch him.

But his luck hasn't been nearly so good this year. He won two of the first three races, putting him in first place in the point standings. He was dropped from third to fifth after engine failure at the Talladega Superspeedway in April.

He was third at the Coca-Cola 600 on May 30, but hasn't been in the top five since. An accident knocked him out at Dover, and



**Matt Kenseth, right, whose consistent run to the Winston Cup championship last season led to a revamped scoring system in Nextel Cup this year, might benefit from the new rules.**

early crashes at Sonoma and Daytona left him too far back to make a run.

"We've made some mistakes and I've done some dumb things on the track," Kenseth said. "We've had things happen where we've made mistakes that usually a championship team can't do. And yet, if we stay in the position we're in right now, with 10 races to go, we can still have a good shot at the championship."

And he's not quite sure how he feels about that.

"For an example, Jimmie Johnson ... has had back in the last 10 races ... and loses it to somebody that had a lot of bad luck and was 400 or 500 points behind. I don't think that would be fair," Kenseth said. "But that's the new set of rules we have, and you just have to take the first 26 weeks kind of like a qualifying round to qualify for the last 10 races."

"That's the way we're all kind of looking at it and trying to stay in that top 10."

With 2,189 points, Kenseth is 94 points ahead of the driver in

10th place, Kevin Harvick. But he'd like to pad that margin with a couple of solid finishes in his next few races — and give his team some momentum entering the final 10-race shootout.

The "Chase for the Championship" starts with the Sept. 19 race at Loudon, N.H.

"Whoever carries all the momentum into the last 10 races is going to be tough to beat," Kenseth said.

Jeff Gordon comes to Sunday's Tropicana 400 with back-to-back victories. He's also started from the pole in his last three races.

Though Gordon has yet to win on the 1½-mile track at the Chicagoland Speedway, he's the only driver to complete every lap run there. He has two top-five finishes in the three races there, too.

Kenseth hasn't fared as well, with his best finish seventh in the inaugural race at the Chicagoland Speedway. He was 14th in 2002 and 12th last year.

Still, Kenseth is looking forward to this weekend's race. This is the closest the NASCAR circuit comes to his hometown of Cam-

# Jazz reach agreement with Cavaliers' Boozier

The Associated Press

**SALT LAKE CITY** — Carlos Boozier changed his mind, much to the dismay of the Cleveland Cavaliers and the absolute delight of the Utah Jazz.

Boozier, a restricted free agent, said just last week that he planned to stay with the team that drafted him two years ago as a junior out of Duke. But on Thursday, the Jazz said they had a deal in place to bring Boozier to Utah.

"We've reached an agreement for an offer sheet to be delivered on July 14," said Kevin O'Connor, the team's vice president for basketball operations.

O'Connor said Boozier planned to sign the offer, but would not elaborate.

The deal could be a huge addition for the Jazz, who never finished last season's regular season after Karl Malone left as a free agent. But it could be an even bigger loss for the Cavaliers, who planned to use Boozier as a cornerstone along with Rookie of the Year LeBron James in building the Cavaliers into an Eastern Conference power.

If Boozier signs the offer July 14, Cleveland will have 15 days to match it.

Cleveland did not pick up the third-year option on Boozier, planning to sign him to a long-term deal next week. But by not picking up the option, Boozier became fair game for other teams.

The Cavs issued a brief statement after hearing of the potential move to Utah.

"Our actions have been based upon what Carlos told us he wanted. This was also entirely consistent with his public statements in the media July 1," said a statement from General Manager Jim Paxson and owner Gordon Gund. "We are both very surprised and very disappointed by what is now being reported."

## Okafor rounds out U.S. team

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** — The chance to win an Olympic gold medal just months after an NCAA title was too good for Emeka Okafor to turn down.

Okafor was selected for the U.S. Olympic basketball team Thursday, filling the final spot on the squad headed to the Athens Games.

"I came off a national championship, and now I have a chance to get a gold medal," he said.



"That's one of the reasons I jumped at this opportunity. I'm really looking forward to it."

Okafor, the second overall pick in the NBA Draft by the expansion Carolina Bobcats, was officially added to the team along with Carmelo Anthony, Carlos Boozier, Lamar Odom and Dwyane Wade.

Okafor, who starred at Connecticut, is the only player on the team who has yet to play in the NBA.

The rest of the U.S. team going to the Aug. 13-29 Games is: Tim Duncan, Alvin Iversen, LeBron James, Richard Jefferson, Stephen Marbury, Shawn Marion and Amar'e Stoudemire.

## Bryant's alleged victim hires prominent libel attorney

**DENVER** — The law firm representing the woman Kobe Bryant is accused of raping has hired a prominent libel attorney who also defended the parents of Justin Ramez.

In a statement issued Thursday, the alleged victim's attorney, John Clune, said Lin Wood was hired because of "grave concerns" regarding media coverage of the 20-year-old woman and because of potential civil litigation related to those and other unspecified claims.

The statement said neither Clune nor Wood would have any further comment. A telephone message left for Wood was not immediately returned.

## Source: 76ers, Skinner agree

**PHILADELPHIA** — Former 76ers forward Brian Skinner is returning to Philadelphia for a deal that could be worth \$25 million over five years, a league source said Thursday.

The source, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, confirmed the deal, which won't be announced until July 14, the first day teams can sign free agents.

A first-round pick by the Los Angeles Clippers in 1998, Skinner averaged 10.2 points and 7.3 rebounds in 56 games for Milwaukee last season. He averaged 6.0 points and 4.8 rebounds in his first season with the 76ers in 2002-03.

According to Sonoma, Calif., racing in Sonoma, Calif., according to Lauri Wilks, spokeswoman for the Sonoma Motor Sports Inc., which manages six tracks.

Ironically for a sport that began with dogs running moonshine through Georgia and the Carolinas in cars they had scavenged up to run faster than the roughest.

"With a fan base of 75 million and a good part of it being families, we believe the tracks are serving their guests in a very positive and family-friendly way," NASCAR spokesman Mike Zizzo said.

# Richmond offers race fans haven from rowdy drinkers

BY TOM GARDNER

The Associated Press

**RICHMOND, Va.** — When Mark Spangenberg goes to the track with his wife and teenage daughter, he'd rather not be near the late night parties and rowdy drinkers.

Richmond International Raceway is one of a handful of tracks offering fans the Spangenberg haven of sorts. In three sections of the track — 3,300 of the 107,100 seats, fans are prohibited from drinking alcohol.

"We're not against drinking, but when people overdo it, it can take away from the quality time of other people," said Spangenberg, who lives in Huntingdon, Pa., and recently attended a Nextel Cup race in Richmond.

"As we walked in, I didn't appreciate the people who you knew had been drinking asking the young ladies to raise their shirts. If we were to come back again, we would make sure we were in the same section."

Richmond installed its first non-drinking sections in 1988,

when it expanded the asphalt oval from 0.542 miles to 0.75.

"Richmond has always prided itself on being a very fan-friendly and family-friendly racetrack," said Keith Green, director of public relations. "The non-alcohol section is just an extension of that policy."

Retired driver Richard Petty, the track's biggest winner with 13 of his NASCAR-record 200 career victories coming here, applauds the idea. Petty Enterprises doesn't accept alcohol-related sponsors.

"My mother wouldn't allow that," Petty said. "We don't look down on any of that stuff. We just don't condone it."

In addition to Richmond, Darlington (S.C.) Raceway has a non-drinking section, according to David Petty, spokesman for an international Speedway Corp., which owns 13 tracks.

Other tracks offering dry sections: Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C.; Bristol Motor Speedway in Tennessee; Atlanta Motor Speedway, Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, and Infi-

# Hansen sets world mark, makes U.S. team

## Veterans flat in Olympic trials

BY BETH HARRIS

The Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Brendan Hansen set a world record to earn a spot on his first Olympic swimming team. Veterans Ed Moses, Brooke Bennett and Diana Munz found disappointment in the U.S. trials.

Hansen broke the mark in the 100-meter breaststroke, dominating the field with a time of 59.30 seconds Thursday night. He joined Michael Phelps as the first swimmers to set world records in the temporary pool built on the Long Beach shoreline.

Hansen made up for a heart-breaking showing in the 2000 trials, when he finished third in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes — just missing the team in both events.

"I was racing the Brendan Hansen from the 2000 Olympic trials," he said. "I'm definitely looking forward to the Olympics. This is a stage I've never been on before."

Hansen's expected rivalry with Moses went flat when the Sydney silver medalist didn't make the team. Moses finished sixth, nearly 3 seconds behind Hansen.

"I haven't been feeling real good," said Moses, who believes he had food poisoning. "I'm not going to make that as an excuse. I hold myself accountable."

Hansen, who broke the American record he shared with Moses in the semifinals, went even faster in the final. He eclipsed the record of 59.78 set by Japan's Kosuke Kitajima in last year's world championships.

Moses has struggled with injuries since Sydney, and his time was actually slower than what he swam in the semis.

"I'm really disappointed," he said.

So were Bennett and Munz, the gold and silver medalists from Sydney who found themselves in the odd position of swimming the 400 freestyle in the far outside lanes.

"It was very surprising," said Munz, who couldn't remember the last time she didn't earn a coveted middle-lane assignment given to the fastest swimmers.

Bennett finished next-to-last in the eight-woman final. Munz rallied in the third, but she was more than a full second behind second-place Kalya Keller.

"It's upsetting," said Bennett. "The trials are the most unpredictable meet you'll ever go to. It's 10 times harder than standing on the blocks at the Olympic Games."

Munz was lucky to even be in the final, having struggled to the ninth-fastest time in the semis. But Lindsay Benko dropped out to concentrate on the 200 free, opening up a spot.



Brendan Hansen sets a world record of 59.30 seconds in the 100-meter breaststroke final in the U.S. Olympic swim trials on Thursday.

"I have to put it behind me," she said.

Moses, Bennett and Munz have other chances to qualify for their second Olympic team.

Moses will try again in the 200 breaststroke Saturday.

Bennett and Munz will make attempts in the 200 freestyle Friday and the 800 freestyle Monday. Bennett is a two-time gold medalist in the longer distance.

"That's really the most important one," she said.

Phelps and Natalie Coughlin

crushed into their respective Friday night finals.

Phelps was the fastest swimmer in the 200 free at 1:47.42, even though he wasn't happy with the time. He already made the team with a world record in the 400 individual medley Wednesday.

The 19-year-old from Baltimore wants to break Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals in the Athens Games.

Coughlin was the top qualifier in the 400 backstroke semifinals.

The men's 100 back final on Fri-

day night features a stellar field, including world recordholder Lenny Krayzelburg and Aaron Peirsol, who has the second-fastest time ever.

The friendly rivals finished 1-2 in Sydney.

Peirsol had the fastest semifinal time at 54.22, while Krayzelburg, who underwent two shoulder surgeries since Sydney, settled for fifth at 55.05. Jeff Rouse, the 1992 Olympic champion who is attempting a comeback at 34, qualified seventh.

"It's absolutely the best (race) I'll ever swim in," Rouse said.

The women's 100 breaststroke final Friday features one of the most talented fields in trials history. Former Olympians Amanda Brehm, Megan Quann, Staciana Stitts and Kristy Kowal, along with four-time NCAA champion Tara Kirk, are among the eight finalists.

Jenny Thompson likely made her fourth Olympic team by finishing second in the 100 butterfly Thursday night. Rachel Kohnsuz won in 58.77; Thompson's time was 58.98.

Kaitlin Sandeno was the first swimmer to earn a second spot on the team with her victory in the 400 freestyle, one day after finishing second in the 400 individual medley. She won in 4:08.02 to beat Kaitlyn Keller, whose older brother Klete also has made the team. They are the first siblings on the same Olympic swim team since 1976.

## Aussie cyclist under review for doping

The Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia — The Australian Olympic Committee said Friday it was "currently withholding" drug-investigated cyclist Jobie Dajka's selection for the Athens Games, while a female weightlifter was pulled from the team for failing to take a drug test.

The AOC released a statement saying 2001 world keirin champion Dajka's final selection was conditional on a continuing Australian Sports Commission and Cycling Australia investigation into alleged doping violations.

It added the selection of Dajka and other cyclists was also conditional on a South Australian police investigation into trials of equine growth hormone. The trials were found in the room of banned former world junior champion Mark French last December.

Later, the Australian Weightlifting Federation said a 26-year-old Caroline Pileggi of Melbourne had her Athens Games nomination withdrawn after she refused a drug test while training on June 3. Pileggi was originally nominated as the sole Australian women's lifter for the Olympics after finishing first in national qualifying.

The Olympic committee originally announced last Saturday it would approve the nominations of French and four other track cyclists implicated by French in his doping scandal.



The weightlifting federation said in a statement Friday it had to change its nomination because it did not believe Pileggi had met the selection criteria regarding the AOC's anti-doping bylaws.

An AOC spokesman, meanwhile, said Friday's decision to withhold Dajka's nomination did not mean the cyclist was ruled out of the Olympics.

Earlier Friday, the Sydney Morning Herald newspaper reported that Dajka may be pulled from the team because he lied to an inquiry into drug use.

The Herald reported that the inquiry did not clear Dajka because of his relationship with former teammate French, who has admitted to taking banned drugs, and because of unsatisfactory answers to some questions.

French has been suspended from general competition for two years and from the Olympics for life after he found guilty of two charges involving trafficking of a glucocorticosteroid and equine growth hormone.

## Cantwell hopes to lead squad sweep in shot put at Athens

BY ANDREA ADELSON

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Maurice Greene, Stacy Dragila and John Capel figure to get plenty of cheers once the U.S. Olympic track and field team begins.

But look toward the infield, at the shot put ring starting Friday. There, some of the best competition of the trials will unfold over two days. Right there, the world's top four shot putters will compete for just three spots in Athens.

"That's a curse for us in this country I guess," said John Godina, a three-time world champion and two-time Olympic medalist.

"The good news there is ... I think this is our best chance to get a true sweep at the Olympic Games with all three medals."

Along with Godina, Christian Cantwell, Adam Nelson and Reese Hoffa will try for an Olympic spot. Just which three have a chance to sweep at the Games will be determined during the final Saturday.

The trials run through July 18, with a two-day break next week. The top three finishers in each event will be part of the U.S. team in Athens, provided they have met Olympic qualifying standards.

In addition to the medal shot put, there are preliminaries Friday in the women's 100 meters, men's pole vault and women's 100 hurdles among other events. Friday's lone final is in the men's 10,000.

Let's start with Cantwell, the favorite to win the shot put. The youngest of the bunch at 23, Cantwell is undefeated in his last 14 competitions. His improvement has been extraordinary. At the last Olympic trials in 2000, Cantwell arrived just after his freshman year at Missouri.

He had very little shot of making the team anyway, but came to Sacramento to be a part of the experience. He had no mark in qualifying, and Nelson eventually won the event. That memory still lingers as evidenced by Cantwell's new motto: "Worst to first."

"I don't really remember coming to the meet four years ago," Cantwell said. "I don't know if my feet touched the ground the whole time I was here. I was so happy to be a part of the show. I didn't really know what was going on. I think I got lost place."

He had really hoped to get in to expecting to win is definitely a 360."

Though he failed to qualify for last year's world championships, Cantwell won the U.S. and indoor world titles earlier this year and has the top four marks outdoors of 2004. It was a nice turnaround after struggling since 2002 with a right hand injury that was so painful and frustrating he almost gave up the sport for football.

Cantwell said the pain mysteriously went away before the Drake Relays in April, after his mother started rubbing her hands and praying with a napkin blessed by her preacher.

"I'll be damned if it did not go away," Cantwell said. "It hurt the worse it ever hurt the Saturday at Drake Relays. That Monday, no pain ever since."

Of course, Cantwell has serious competition. The 32-year-old Godina has concentrated the last year and a half to training for the Olympics, hoping for gold this time around after winning silver in 1996 and bronze in 2000.

The most decorated shot putter in U.S. history also won world outdoor titles in 1995, 1997 and 2001. In addition to the shot put, he will throw the discus in the trials.

Nelson won silver at the last Olympics after winning the trials. He believes the wealth of experience he and Godina have could help at the trials.

"I think our experience in the big meets is going to pay off," Nelson said. "The way we approach these meets, it's second nature to us how we prepare and what we need to do mentally."

Then there is Hoffa, best known for competing with a mask and cap, as the "Iron Mask" shot put. He was a silver medalist in the Home Depot meet in California. The silver medalist in the world indoors earlier this month enjoys having a mask on at the ring.

He even tried learning how to do a back tick, hoping to use it to celebrate a great throw.

At the end of the gymnastics coaches at Georgia — I came really close," he said.

# Franchising fish

## Injuries, lack of offense leave Series champs feeling lucky just to be close in their division

BY MARK LONG

The Associated Press

MIAMI — The Florida Marlins flew from first to fourth in the NL East in a week, and they feel fortunate.

Things could be worse.

The defending World Series champions have lost 10 of their past 14 games, have ace Josh Beckett on the disabled list for the third time this season and have struggled to score runs. Still, they were just two games behind division leader Philadelphia heading into play Thursday.

"I think we're the luckiest team in the league," All-Star third baseman Mike Lowell said. "We haven't played well at all, especially over the last month and we're two games out. We could get hot and get back to first place and extend the lead. It's possible, but we have to play better."

The Marlins, off Thursday before opening a series against the New York Mets, haven't played much like the team that beat the San Francisco Giants, the Chicago Cubs and the New York Yankees last fall to claim their second title since 1997.

Beckett, Brad Penny and NL Rookie of the Year Dontrelle Willis have a combined 17-17 record and only two wins since June.

Leadoff man Juan Pierre has been slumping with the bat and hasn't been nearly as effective stealing bases, getting thrown out 13 times in 33 attempts and was caught stealing 20 times in 85 tries last season.

Jeff Conine, nursing a sore

shoulder most of the season, is hitting .258 with five home runs and 29 RBIs.

Setup man Chad Fox, on a viral part of last year's run, is on the disabled list for an elbow injury and may miss the entire season.

Catcher Ramon Castro, pegged to start when Pudge Rodriguez signed with Detroit, also is sidelined with a toe injury after hitting .135.

All the problems, combined with the Marlins ranking 25th in the majors in runs scored, have resulted in a 35-41 record since winning eight of their first nine.

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Mike Lowell

Marlins third baseman

"We're very fortunate that we've over .500," Conine said. "We've played terrible for a month. Knowing that our best days are ahead is the only thing comforting us."

The Marlins have shown no indication that they can turn things around. But getting the starting rotation intact for an extended period — something they haven't been able to do — could be the key.

A.J. Burnett opened the season on the DL, and just as he got ready to return, Beckett opened a blister on the middle finger of his

pitching hand and missed more than two weeks. It was the same spot where blisters plagued him throughout the 2002 season.

The World Series MVP came off the DL for one start but strained a back muscle and went right back on it.

He missed two more weeks and thought he was ready for another return, but he reopened the blister Tuesday and now will be out until after the All-Star break.

"I've been pitching my whole life the same way," said Beckett, who has been on the DL seven times since 2002, five of them because of a blister. "I haven't changed anything. I have no idea why it held up all last year and now it's back to how it was two years ago."

"It just makes no sense because last year we had no problems. I don't know what I need to do, play third base maybe."

Beckett visited a specialist Wednesday and was given two new ointments to helpfully heal the blister.

In the past, he has tried a variety of treatments, including rubbing raw rice between his fingers, soaking them in pickle juice and using glue to create a protective sheath.

"These blisters are just freak things that don't happen to anyone else," Beckett said.

The Marlins may have been due some bad luck. After all, every move manager Jack McKeon made in last year seemed to work perfectly.

Willis and outfielder Miguel Cabrera were called up from Dou-



World Series MVP Josh Beckett is on the disabled list for the third time this season. Beckett's recurring blister on his pitching hand is just the latest setback for the Florida Marlins' rotation this season.

ble-A Carolina and played like seasoned veterans. And the acquisitions of closer Ugueth Urbina — who also left for Detroit in the off-season — and Fox and Conine paid off big.

McKeon is hoping some of the same magic will return this year.

Florida traded for reliever Billy Koch last month and called up journeyman reliever Josias Manzanillo, who has played with 11 organizations and 23 teams during his 21-year career.

The team also promoted outfielder/catcher Josh Willingham

from Carolina on Tuesday, and McKeon immediately threw the rookie in the lineup for two games.

"We're hoping lightning strikes again," McKeon said. "We need to get on a roll."

With the Phillies, Mets and Braves starting to play better after rough starts, the Marlins may need a run to keep pace and get out of fourth in the division.

"We believe we have the talent. We just haven't played up to our abilities, which is why we think we can turn it around," Lowell said.

## Feathering: Texas castoff Newhan gives Orioles' lineup much-needed boost

FEATHERING, FROM BACK PAGE

Despondent over being stuck in the minors, David Newhan recalled thinking, "I'm not playing to be a guy in Triple-A. I should be playing in the big leagues, and if that's not going to happen, I've got my degree. I'm married and my wife is expecting. I'm sure I could find work doing something that isn't a grind."

Then the Orioles came calling.

"We were looking for someone to jump-start our offense, and it was attractive that he could play third base because Melvin was day-to-day," Orioles vice president Mike Flanagan said. "It just fit."

Newhan, 5-foot-10 and about 175 pounds, often was perceived as too small. He starred in high school, but the only scholarship offers he received were at the Division II level.

Even his father couldn't envision him playing in the major leagues.

"My only hope was to see him play at the college level. I never gave much thought to the notion of him playing professionally," the elder Newhan said. "But when I saw his dedication and determination, I figured he might have a shot."

David Newhan broke into professional ball in 1985 and made it to the big leagues for the first time in 1999 with San Diego. He was traded to Philadelphia in 2000, and the following year hurt his shoulder making a play in the outfield.



Since being signed by the Orioles, Newhan has hit in 19 of 20 games and is batting over .400.

"I ran into a wall, and it didn't move," he said.

He had one operation, then another, and spent all of 2002 rehabilitating the shoulder. Then came the move to Colorado in 2003 and the misery in Oklahoma.

But it all turned out well for Newhan, in spite of a gene pool that his father concedes is anything but spectacular.

"He didn't get it from me," Ross Newhan said. "It's all him. He never quit. Every time he gets knocked down, he gets up. I'm very proud of what he's done."

## Injured Spivey would still consider sliding headfirst

BY ARNIE STAPLETON

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Junior Spivey's first headfirst slide, which landed him on the disabled list, won't necessarily be his last.

The Milwaukee Brewers' starting second baseman is expected to miss between two and four weeks after an MRI this week revealed he won't need season-ending surgery on his left shoulder, which popped out of socket when he swooped into first base at Pittsburgh on Friday night.

"That's the first time I've ever slid headfirst," Spivey said.

But he can't say for sure that it will be the last.

"I hope I won't do it again. They tell you not to do it, but sometimes your body and mind tell you other things," he said. "I felt I had a chance to beat the pitcher to the bag."

Headfirst slides are dangerous plays that the Brewers, among other teams, highly discourage.

"Reid fines our minor leaguers for doing that," general manager Doug Melvin said of farm director Reid Nichols. "You just try to break them of the habit when they're young."

Manager Ned Yost said he holds no grudge because Spivey was just trying to be aggressive, and Spivey said he has no regrets.

"I'm not going to kick myself because I'm not out for the season," he said. "I'm just going to be a stronger and tougher player coming off this injury."

Spivey said the shoulder was already weak entering spring training from an old injury and the time off should enable him to strengthen it and avoid an off-season procedure to fix it.

Spivey is hitting .272 with seven homers and 28 RBIs in 59 games for the Brewers, who acquired him from Arizona in the Richie Sexson trade last winter. He missed nearly three weeks with a strained hamstring earlier this season.







Ken Griffey Jr. watches his two-run home run in the fifth inning against the Milwaukee Brewers on Thursday night. It was the 501st homer of his career.

## Griffey pokes 501st homer; Reds hold off Brewers 9-3

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Ken Griffey Jr. homered and drove in four runs and Paul Wilson earned his career-best ninth victory, leading the Cincinnati Reds past the Milwaukee Brewers 9-3 on Thursday night.

Adam Dunn also connected for Cincinnati, his 25th of the season. Wilson (9-2), who helped blow a nine-run lead in the Reds' last trip to Miller Park in April, made an eight-run lead stand up this time.

"I thought about that," Wilson said. "And I just needed to go out there and challenge guys and not get behind in the count and I felt like I did that."

On April 28, Wilson was spotted a nine-run lead and left with a seemingly safe 9-4 cushion. But the Brewers rallied to win 10-9 as the Reds blew a nine-run lead for the first time since 1930.

There was no coming back this time thanks to Griffey's slump-snapping performance, two crucial errors on third baseman Wes Helms that led to a five-run sixth inning and another fine performance by Wilson.

Wilson, who scattered seven hits over 6½ innings, took a three-hit shutout into the seventh but allowed Keith Ginter's two-run homer and Craig Counsell's RBI single that made it 8-3.

Griffey broke out of a long funk with a two-run homer and a two-run double.

He had been mired in a .177 slump since hitting his 500th homer on Father's Day at St. Louis, going just 4-for-45 with no homers and one RBI after reaching the 500 plateau.

"It's just a sign of relief after the traveling circus," Griffey said. "I was going up there swinging like I had no clue. But mainly it was just me swinging at some bad pitches and not being patient. But that's everybody when they are going bad, you're just not being real selective at the plate."

# First place belongs to Phils alone

## All-Star pick Abreu provides the big hits

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Bobby Abreu made sure the Philadelphia Phillies kept first place all to themselves.

The All-Star outfielder homered leading off the ninth inning and drove in three runs, giving the Phillies a 5-4 victory over the New York Mets on Thursday night.

The surprising Mets came in trailing Philadelphia by one game in the NL East, with a chance to gain a share of first place this late in the season for the first time in four years.

But Abreu dashed their hopes, going 4-for-5 with two doubles and his 18th stolen base to earn a shaving cream pie in the face during a postgame interview.

"It's something we do," Abreu said, smiling. "It's part of a tradition."

Abreu tied it 4-4 with an RBI single off retooler Mike Stanton in the seventh, then won it by connecting against John Franco (2-5) in the ninth. Abreu lost his helmet as he crossed the plate and was mobbed by his teammates.

It's been a memorable two days for Abreu, who was selected to the All-Star team for the first time on Wednesday. He earned the final spot on the NL roster in Internet fan voting and got a standing ovation before his first at-bat that night.

The cheers got even louder Thursday night. "I couldn't imagine it, but it's exciting," Abreu said.

Jim Thome hit his major league-leading 28th home run as the Phillies gained a split of the four-game series. They held a two-game lead over the Mets and surging Atlanta.

"You deal with reality tonight," Mets manager Art Howe said. "I think the Phillies know we're going to be around for the long haul."

Mike Cameron's two-run homer gave New York a 4-3 lead in the sixth. Billy Wagner (2-0) earned the victory with an inning of scoreless relief.

**Dodgers 7, Astros 2:** Paul Lo Duca celebrated his late addition to the NL All-Star team with a home run and the host Dodgers won their sixth in a row.

Edwin Jackson (2-0) allowed two runs in



Philadelphia's Placido Polanco is tagged out at the plate by New York catcher Jason Phillips attempting to score from on Bobby Abreu's double in the fourth inning on Thursday night.



five innings. He also drove in the go-ahead run with a fourth-inning single, his first big-league hit and RBI.

**D-Backs 8, Giants 4:** Alex Cintron homered from

both sides of the plate and Arizona snapped a nine-game road losing streak by beating the slumping Giants.

Chad Tracy also connected for the Diamondbacks, who got just their second victory in seven games under interim manager Al Pedrique.

A.J. Pierzynski matched his career high with four hits and Edgaro Alfonzo had a two-run homer for the Giants, who lost for the fifth time in six games.

**Rockies 5, Padres 1:** Jason Jennings (8-7)

allowed one run in 7½ innings and Preston Wilson had two RBIs.

Wilson's two-run double was the key hit as the visiting Rockies took a 3-0 lead in the first inning against Adam Eaton (4-8). Larry Walker added a sacrifice fly.

Todd Helton homered for Colorado and Brian Giles connected for the Padres.

**Expos 2, Pirates 1:** At San Juan, Puerto Rico, Brian Schneider hit a decisive homer and Tony Armas Jr. pitched seven innings for Montreal.

Schneider homered off John Grabow (0-3) in the eighth to break a 1-1 tie. Luis Ayala (1-0) pitched a perfect eighth for the victory and Chad Cordero got his sixth save.

Armas allowed one unearned and four hits. Tony Batista tied the game with an RBI single in the seventh.

# Bonds, Blalock join Home Run Derby

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants and Hank Blalock of the Texas Rangers were added to next week's All-Star Home Run Derby, filling out the field of eight competitors.

Reigning Philadelphia's Jim Thome, Cincinnati's Ken Griffey Jr. and the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa in representing the National League on Monday night in Houston.

The AL players participating are Blalock, New York's Jason Giambi, Boston's David Ortiz and Baltimore's Rafael Palmeiro.

All four active players with 500 homers will compete: Bonds (681), Sosa (553), Palmeiro (540) and Griffey (501). Thome, who hit his 400th home run last month, connected for his major league-leading 28th of the season Thursday night.

**Vazquez, Lo Duca are All-Stars**

NEW YORK — New York Yankees reliever Javier Vazquez and Los Angeles Dodgers catcher Paul Lo Duca were added to the



All-Star teams Thursday as replacements for injured players.

Vazquez takes the spot of Oakland Athletics right-hander Tim Lincecum, giving New York eight players on the 32-man AL squad.

Hudson is on the 15-day disabled list with a strained left oblique muscle.

Lo Duca replaces Cincinnati first baseman Sean Casey, on the DL with a strained right calf.

AL manager Joe Torre of the Yankees said Boston's Pedro Martinez was his first choice to replace Hudson, but that Martinez had already made other plans.

**Mota pleads no contest**

GLENDAL, Calif. — Los Angeles Dodgers reliever Guillermo Mota pleaded no contest Thursday to a misdemeanor reckless driving charge stemming from his arrest in April 2003.

Superior Court Judge John Doyle ordered Mota to serve

three years probation and pay \$1,500 in fines, Jane Robinson of the Los Angeles County district attorney's office said.

Mota was charged last year with one misdemeanor count each of DUI and driving while having a .08 percent or higher blood-alcohol content. Those charges were dismissed as a result of the plea agreement reached with prosecutors.

Mota was allegedly driving about 85 mph on a freeway in Glendale when stopped by a California Highway Patrol officer.

**Japan owners reject U.S. site**

TOKYO — Japan's owners rejected a plan to hold the first baseball World Cup in the United States next year.

The owners do not want major league baseball in charge of the event and would prefer the International Baseball Federation, an official in the Japanese commissioner's office, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press on Thursday.

That could leave major league All-Stars such as Hideki Matsui

of the New York Yankees and Ichiro Suzuki of the Seattle Mariners without a chance to play for Japan in the World Cup.

However, another official in the Japanese commissioner's office, also speaking anonymously, said Japan might still be interested in participating if the event is structured differently.

If major league baseball owners approve the plan and deals are reached with the players' association and the International Baseball Federation, the 16-nation tournament would take place from approximately March 4-21 next year.

Under the proposal, the major league baseball commissioner's office and the players' union would split profits from the World Cup. The owners in Japan, who met Wednesday, also objected to that part of the plan.

Another problem could be the timing. The regular season in Japan usually starts in the final week of March or the first week of April. Players who take part in the World Cup would have 10 days or less of exhibition games with their clubs.

# Lowe blames slump on bad pitches, not mental failing

BY JIMMY GOLEN  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Derek Lowe, pull up a couch.

Mired in a slump that shows in his face as much as his stats, the Boston Red Sox right-hander called reporters to his locker before Thursday's game against Oakland to ask why his struggles are pinned on mental shortcomings instead of just poor pitching.

"Why is it when I pitch bad, I'm a mental reject; when everybody else pitches bad, they just pitched bad?" he asked a group of about two dozen reporters.

He harshly criticized his performance on the mound, but said it was a problem with mechanics, not his mind.

As exuberant as he can be after a key strikeout, Lowe is also known to hang his head when something goes wrong. And things have been going wrong a lot this year.

A future free agent with a no-hitter on his résumé, Lowe is 6-8 with a 6.02 ERA this season. He has allowed 17 earned runs in his last three starts for an 0-3 record and 9.37 ERA.

While admitting he has pitched badly, what has bothered Lowe is the way fans and reporters — and his last four managers — believe he gets so upset when things go wrong that he allows his problems to snowball.

He appeared to be cruising against the Atlanta Braves on Sunday before an infield hit was followed by a four-pitch walk and soon four consecutive hits, including a homer that chased him from the game.

But when I do have success, is it luck?" Lowe said.

"That's me. It doesn't affect the next pitch," he said, referring to the way he shows emotion on the mound. "I know myself. It doesn't affect the next pitch."



Boston Red Sox center fielder Johnny Damon eludes the tag of Oakland Athletics catcher Damian Miller to score the game-winning run in the 10th inning of Thursday night's game at Boston's Fenway Park. The Red Sox won 8-7 to complete their first three-game sweep of the A's in two years.

# Twins flirt with another shutout

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Twins didn't need a shutout to win. They sure came close to their fourth in a row, though.

Cristian Guzman's three-run homer capped a five-run seventh inning and Minnesota won its fourth straight game, 7-1 over the Detroit Tigers on Thursday night. On the heels of shutouts by Brad Radke, Johan Santana and Kyle Lohse, No. 5 starter Terry Mulholland allowed only one run in 5½ innings. Grant Balfour (3-0) pitched 1½ innings of scoreless relief for the victory.

"I had an opportunity to sit and watch three pretty fine pitching performances," Mulholland said. That was an inspiration."

Guzman drove in four runs, including the tying run with a double in the sixth. He lined a 3-2 pitch from Mike Maroth (5-7) over the left-field fence to finish the rally as the Twins' offense

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awakened after Maroth retired the first 14 hitters.

Ivan Rodriguez's homer leading off the sixth put Detroit ahead and ended the Twins' streak of 32 consecutive scoreless innings. Mulholland allowed seven hits and struck out seven.

**Rangers 10, Indians 0:** Ricardo Rodriguez pitched a three-hitter for his first career shutout and David Dellucci hit two of four home runs by visiting Texas.

Rodriguez (2-0) walked two and struck out a career-high six while facing his former team for the first time.

Dellucci hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning and a two-run shot in the fourth, matching a career high with five RBIs as the Rangers won for the fifth time in six games.

Michael Young led off the game with a homer off Scott Elarton (0-2) and Kevin Mench hit a two-run shot in the second for the Rangers, who have a major league-leading 130 homers.

**White Sox 9, Angels 8:** Juan Uribe's single with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning scored Jose Valentin as Chicago snapped a five-game losing streak.

With one out, Valentin and Paul Konerko singled off Brendan Donnelly (1-2) before Uribe's decisive hit made a winner of Damaso Marte (3-2). Konerko matched a career high with four hits and drove in two runs.

**Yankees 7, Devil Rays 1:** Jose Contreras limited visiting Tampa Bay to three hits over 6½ innings and Derek Jeter drove in two runs with a pair of doubles.

Contreras (6-3) retired the first seven batters he faced and pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the fourth.

Gary Sheffield hit a two-run homer and Hideki Matsui a two-run double for New York.

Mariano Rivera got an inning-ending double play in the eighth and earned his league-leading 30th save in 31 tries.

**Red Sox 8, Athletics 7 (10):** Bill Mueller's two-out double in the 10th inning scored Johnny Damon in Boston's first three-game sweep of Oakland since 2002.

Justin Lehr (0-1) started the 10th for the A's and got two outs before Damon singled. Mueller hit a ball to the wall in center field that was bobbled by Mark Kotz. Damon beat Bobby Crosby's relay throw home to give Curt Leskanic (1-4) the victory.

Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz homered for Boston, which won despite blowing a 7-1 lead. Eric Byrnes connected for Oakland.

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# Delgado finds first pitch to his liking

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Carlos Delgado didn't care that fans booed him. He wasn't about to change his approach.

Delgado popped out with the bases loaded in the first and second innings by swinging at the first pitch. In the ninth inning, he hit a first-pitch fastball for a three-run homer to rally the Toronto Blue Jays to a 10-8 victory over the struggling Seattle Mariners on Thursday night.

"In the same game you're terrible and you're a hero," Delgado said. "That's their opinion. They can do what they want. Hopefully, we'll have more people in here either cheering or booing. That's something. That would be nice."

A crowd of 16,188 saw Toronto complete a three-game sweep of the Mariners, who have lost six

straight, matching their longest losing streak of the season. Seattle has been swept six times this season.

With Toronto down 8-6 in the ninth, Dave Berg hit the 13th pitch he saw for a homer off Eddie Guardado (2-1) with one out. Chris Gomez followed with a single and, after Orlando Hudson sent down on strikes for the second out, Reed Johnson also singled before Delgado homered into the second deck in right field.

"There's no use crying. Yeah, I made some outs, but you can't quit. I got a chance in the ninth and I made it count," Delgado said.

Delgado, eligible for free agency this fall, was activated from the disabled list Tuesday after missing 33 games with a strained rib cage. He was second in AL

MVP voting last year after hitting .302 with 42 homers and a major league-leading 145 RBIs.

"The first pitch, it just crushed it," said reliever Vinnie Chulk, who would have taken the loss. "I was like 'Ah, just perfect.'" Justin Speier (2-5) pitched the ninth for the victory.

Seattle's Edgar Martinez drove in two runs to become the career RBI leader among designated hitters (979), one more than Harold Baines.

At 32-51, the Mariners are 19 games below .500 for the first time since Aug. 6, 1994 (44-63).

"We've played terrible in the first half, as bad as we can play," Seattle second baseman Bret Boone said. "The majority of the guys in this room have won 300 games the last three years. I don't know why it has gone this way. We just haven't done our job."



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## Feathering a new nest

A month after almost giving up on baseball, David Newhan swings a hot bat with Orioles

BY DAVID GINSBURG  
The Associated Press

**A** month ago, David Newhan was ready to get out of baseball.

He was sick of the minor leagues, frustrated with his stature in the Texas Rangers' organization and weary of trying to prove he belonged in the majors.

After bouncing by bus from one small city to another with the Oklahoma RedHawks of the Class AAA Pacific Coast League, Newhan was prepared to find something else to do with his life.

He persevered, however, and now Newhan is showing everyone he is indeed talented enough — and big enough — to play Major League Baseball.

Since being signed as a free agent by the Baltimore Orioles on June 18, Newhan has hit in 19 of 20 games, the lone exception being an unproductive pinch-hit appearance last week in Philadelphia.

Playing in place of injured third baseman Melvin Mora, Newhan hit a 435-foot homer in his first at-bat, against Colorado, and has never stop hitting. He's batting .405 with three doubles, two triples, four homers and 15 RBIs.

"The kid seems like he puts the barrel of the bat on the ball all the time," Baltimore manager Lee Mazzilli said. "He's a scrappy player that can run, and he's aggressive at the plate."

It's been an amazing run for a 30-year-old guy who had compiled a paltry .163 batting average in 63 big-league games and underwent shoulder operations in 2001 and 2002.

"It's only been three weeks, and you still have to prove yourself every night," Newhan said, "but so far it's been awesome."

If he keeps this up, Newhan won't ever again have to subject himself to the indignities of the minors.

Last year, Newhan hit .348 with Colorado Springs but didn't get called up in September by the Rockies. He left the club in a huff and joined the Rangers, which seemed like a good move until Texas acquired Alfonso Soriano to play second base and committed to Hank Block at third.

Newhan ended up in the minors, where he



David Newhan has found new life in baseball after signing with the Baltimore Orioles last month.

hated just about everything — except playing.

"It's a world of difference in how you're treated in Triple-A and how you're treated in the big leagues. I mean, I'm 30 and have more big-league time than Block, but they're telling me how to wear my pants," Newhan said. "Plus, the travel is miserable."

So was he.

"He called me at home. He was having a ter-

rific season, but he was pretty low, as down as I've ever heard him," said Newhan's father, Ross Newhan, a national baseball writer with the Los Angeles Times. "He told me, 'I don't know if I have a future in baseball.'"

It was a surprising concession from a person who had spent much of his life slashing through one obstacle after another.

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